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Who's Who and What's What

Pastor W. H. Wood preached five days in the meeting at Oak Grove Church, near Lake. Mr. O. U. Rushing of Jackson led the singing. The messages were in the power of the spirit and in simplicity. Congregations were good. Nearby churches shared the blessings.

Rev. R. A. Kimbrough of Jackson, Tenn., reports a good meeting in Hinkle Creek Church, Alcorn County, Mississippi. Rev. J. F. Nix of Abernathy preached the old-time gospel. There were twenty-two baptized and eleven added by letter. Dr. Kimbrough is also pastor at Middleburg, Tennessee, where Rev. Leonard Anderson helped in a meeting.

Central Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference meets in First Church, Jackson, Monday, September 8. Program includes Devotional by J. L. Sullivan; What Modern Conditions Demand of Us, by Claud Bowen; What Aspects of the Gospel Should be Emphasized Most, by R. B. Gunter; Type of Preaching Most Needed, by W. H. Roberson; Objectives to Keep in Mind, by W. A. Bell; Round Table; Business; Bible Hour, by H. E. Spell.

We know of no greater devotion to a sense of duty than that shown by an ex-slave, a negro, known now to the world as Dr. Geo. Washington Carver, who has for many years taught at Tuskegee Institute for Negroes, in Alabama. He is a scientist of international reputation. Some time ago, it is said, he was offered \$100,000 a year to join Thos. Edison in his work, but declined it on the grounds that the negro youth of the South needed him where he was.

Dr. L. S. Williams goes from the pastorate of First church, Barnesville, Ga., to the head of the Bible Department in Bessie Tift College, succeeding Dr. Ben Ingram.

Mr. Hugh Brimm, who was graduated from Mississippi College a few years ago, was in a good meeting at Farmhaven in Madison County last week. This church is preparing to build a pastor's home and locate a man on the field.

Rev. Frank Lee has given up the pastorate at Farmhaven and was last week in a meeting in the church at Camden.

The Texas Railroad Commission forbids a bus to pick up or carry a drunken man.

It is said that the Missouri Supreme Court has ruled that no money secured by taxation may be used to support parochial schools.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hardin have given \$5,759.30 to Baptist schools, hospitals, and Buckner Orphans home, all in Texas.

Mr. Phillip E. Howard, Jr., is taking up a noble succession as editor of the Sunday School Times. The Times, which was founded in 1859, was owned for a time by the American Sunday School Union, then was taken over by Mr. John Wanamaker. In 1875 Mr. Wanamaker chose Dr. Henry Clay Trumbull as editor and that great Christian scholar served in that position until his death in 1903. He was succeeded by his son, Charles Trumbull. Charles Trumbull passed away a few months ago and was succeeded as editor by Mr. Phillip E. Howard, Jr., who had been associate editor of the Sunday School Times since 1927. Mr. Howard is the son of Phillip E. Howard, Sr., who is president of the Sunday School Union, and brother-in-law of Charles Trumbull.—Ex.

Rev. R. A. Corder had his nephew, Rev. L. W. Corder, of Greenville, S. C., with him in meetings at Linwood and Dixon. Both churches report a great meeting. There were thirty-one additions at Linwood. The singing was led by Pastor R. K. Corder. Plans are being completed at Linwood to erect a new church building, and to locate it on the highway.

Due to the fact that we did not have opportunity to verify the semi-annual figures as set up and published in last week's Record, there will possibly appear mistakes. If you discover mistakes please let us know and they will be cheerfully corrected. We shall do our best to make such corrections in the Baptist Record.—D. A. McCal.

Brother B. E. Phillips has been pastor of Crooked Creek Church in Lawrence County sixteen years, and has preached in ten of the annual revivals, including the one recently closed. In this latest meeting all services were well attended; at some of the services many could not get in the house. There were thirty-four baptized and some received by letter. Some of the older members said that it was the best revival the church has enjoyed in twenty-five years or more.

If our Sunday school teachers and other workers do not keep up to the maximum of efficiency, it is not the fault of our Sunday School Board. Besides the periodical literature the Board is constantly issuing new books intended to help those who wish to keep at their best. There have just come to our desk copies of three new aids to the teacher: 1. Junior Sunday School Work, by Blanche Linthicum; 2. Primary Sunday School Work, by Allene Bryan; and 3. Cradle Roll Department, by Mattie C. Leatherwood. These ought to be in the Sunday School Library and put to use. Cloth, sixty cents; paper, forty cents.

We are sorry to learn that Dr. J. E. Gwatkin is seriously ill in the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. He and Professor E. O. Sellers have been with the Baptist Bible Institute since its beginning twenty-three years ago. We have never known any man to serve the cause with more unselfish devotion than has Dr. Gwatkin. He has put everything into the work and institution, and his wife has shared with him in this spirit of loyalty and devotion.

We know of not a few Baptist churches where the worship would be greatly helped if there were an electric sign just over the pulpit which could be turned on for a minute or two just before the formal worship begins, giving the people present a reminder of the time for prayer, a call to silent and reverent approach to God. We have in some churches such quotations as "The Lord is in His holy temple," etc. But we need one that flashes letters of light.

When we read about how Baptist churches in Louisville, Ky., and New Orleans, La., have multiplied by reason of the help brought their cities through the Seminaries located in their midst, we covet earnestly such a means of grace for cities like Washington or Baltimore. We know of no instrument which would bring better missionary or evangelistic returns than schools for the prophets in these cities where students and faculty would make city mission work a part of their curriculum. But let these schools be in the cities and not in some aristocratic suburb.

There is one thing pertaining to the meeting of President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill which we should like to have cleared up. The eight points probably go as far as they were able to go at present, and it seems to us that there can be little criticism of what was done. But Mr. Roosevelt in his message to Congress says that the consultants were agreed as to the necessity of RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND INFORMATION. That is a very important matter but it does not appear in the eight points as printed. After all, there can be no real and permanent freedom where religious freedom is denied. Was this item not included in the eight points out of respect for or fear of Russia? It is possible that Great Britain has something to learn on this point.

Missionary H. P. McCormick expects to attend the Mississippi Baptist Convention at Meridian Nov. 11-13.

In Missouri and South Dakota the courts have ruled that it is illegal to furnish text books for children in private and parochial schools. The courts in Mississippi have ruled otherwise, on the ground that it is done for the pupil and not for the school. It is a strange law which gives the books but does not permit giving the desks or the building.

The church at Opelousas, La., has called Rev. J. V. Tinnin as pastor.

Rev. Brownlow Hastings has accepted a call to Harrisburg, Louisiana to serve one year while the pastor is in the army.

Rev. W. C. Bennett goes from the pastorate in Mansfield, La., to one in Beaumont, Texas.

"Blindness hath befallen Israel in part," is what Paul said about the Jews in his day. There is hardly any more fit description of today's world than these words. If ever there was a blundering bunch in Britain it was when Chamberlain was Prime Minister and Lord Halifax was in charge of foreign affairs. They got us and all the world in this present mess by the policy of appeasement. They did nothing to curb the epidemic of hydropobia which started in Germany and Italy. The people in this country who spend their time criticizing President Roosevelt belong in the same category. They want nothing done which will stop this present world madness. They shut their eyes to the future and are blind to the dangers which are in the world and which they or men like them have helped to create. There are men in congress who are willing to let the world go to the "demintion bow-wows," if only they may be re-elected or they can do some despite to the president. We may come to the time when concentration camps are the only answer to such people.

Hitler is very fond of accusing the plutocrats and imperialists in Britain of being responsible for the war. As a matter of fact it was the representatives of big business in Britain that exerted themselves to the utmost to come to terms with Hitler. Men like Chamberlain who represented the business interests did everything they could and some things they ought not to prevent war in Europe. If they are responsible for the war it is because they let Hitler have his way until he was strong enough and bold enough to defy them.

According to the figures of Dr. E. P. Alldredge, Baptists have in the past fourteen years increased by 2,802,395. Next to them Roman Catholics have had a 2,377,394 increase. The Holiness people have had the largest percentage growth. The reason for the growth of Baptists and the Holiness people is their emphasis on evangelism and their appeal to loyalty to the word of God. The reason for the growth of Catholics is their loyalty to their church and their schools and hospitals.

There has been more talk about church union in the last twenty years than for centuries. And yet in the past fourteen years 37 new denominations have come into existence. It is said that in forty years Southern Baptists have grown from 1,000,000 to 5,000,000. Lets keep on prophesying to the dry bones, and praying for the Holy Spirit.

Rev. W. E. Hellen of Bogalusa, La., helped Pastor G. W. Smith in a helpful meeting in the church at McAdams. The Lord added to the church those who were saved. One young man yielded to the call to preach, and a young woman to special service. We should be glad to have Brother Hellen back in Mississippi.

Dr. Selsus E. Tull, evangelist living at Hazlehurst, preached for the church at Crystal Springs Sunday, August 24. This church begins its revival meeting September 21 with Evangelist Barney Walker preaching and Mr. Alton Harvey in charge of the singing.

Sparks and Splinters

We wonder if the people in this country who talk about "negotiated peace" have really thought what a negotiated peace means. It is just as if you should take up with a burglar the question of how much of the goods he has stolen he will be permitted to keep. Any talk of coming to a peaceable settlement with a highwayman means one of two things. Either you acknowledge your inability to enforce law and so give up the effort and allow the world to be governed by the fellow with the biggest gun and the worst heart; or you lose all moral sensibility and allow yourself to become part and parcel of a policy of plunder. Do you want a peace which allows the wolf to retire to his den with his maw full of plunder and his jaws dripping with blood? Is that the sort of world you wish to live in?

Every now and then you hear somebody say, "Why raise such a fuss about Hitler over-running other nations and plundering them; is not that the way the white people got possession of this country? Did we not take it away from the Indians without so much as saying, by your leave?" Without discussing whether or not the cases are parallel, just suppose they are; then the man who opposes the present plundering of the nations is not the one to be condemned. But the man who accepts the policy of plunder as the law of nations and the law of life. Two wrongs do not make a right. If we were wrong in the first case, then we cannot justify the other case. Surely we ought to learn something as we go along, and our morals should improve with the centuries.

It has come to be quite fashionable in some quarters to speak of the particular efforts of President Wilson for a world order more than twenty years ago as "dreams." Had it occurred to you that the Bible has a good word to say about dreams, "your old men shall dream dreams." They may be real and very practical. Indeed they may be about the best way to get good results. The work of Wilson was designed to be very constructive, and would have been but for a few wreckers in the United States senate. His ideas were good and met with favor every where in the world except in the minds of a few politicians who just could not stand for him to succeed. These men were and are responsible for the collapse which came later. They belong to the same gang of wreckers who today are in places of influence and seek to prevent any constructive measures in this country to meet the present world conflagration.

To keep the patient quiet while his mouth was undergoing examination by the dentist, the kind operator told us this yarn: A dentist using his "air gun" to blow the moisture out of the cavity in the patient's tooth, inquired kindly: "Does that air hurt?" The patient replied, "That air what?"

The Nazi government of Germany is collecting \$8,000,000 a day from conquered France. Recently the city of Amsterdam in Holland was "fined" \$800,000,000 which went into Hitler's coffers. That is the sort of thing that Senator Wheeler and Lindbergh will bring to this country if their policy prevails.

The Brewers' Digest, organ of the beer makers, was much pleased with the order from high ranking army officers making beer available to the soldiers in the camps. Once the devil chuckled.

Dr. Grady Snowden succeeds Dr. D. H. Hall as pastor of First church, DeLand, Florida.

Coliseum Place Church, New Orleans, recently celebrated its eighty-seventh anniversary.

Rev. R. Houston Smith assisted in a meeting at Pittsboro the last week in July.

Pastor Dana Terry baptized about 35 people as a result of a meeting in Winnsboro, La., in which he was assisted by Rev. W. L. Stagg. The editor preached at the organization of this church and baptized 25 people who constituted the first organization. Guess how many years ago.

Pastor J. W. T. Siler was aided in the meeting in Shiloh Church, Calhoun County, by Rev. J. B. Parker of Ripley, greatly to the joy and edification of the people. They look for continuing results.

The man who says "This is not our war," is on a par with the man whose home has not been robbed or burned while a dozen of those of his neighbors have been. The man who is not grieved that his neighbor has been robbed is without any moral or human sensibility; and the man who is not willing to do something to correct such a condition is on a par with the man who said, "Am I my brother's keeper" and he is stupid to boot, if he thinks he will escape a similar fate.

Paul says in his first letter to the Corinthians, "The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets." He is talking about the conduct of public worship, about which much needs to be said today. There is little freedom in worship unless it is in the Holy Roller services and some others like them. This freedom led to some abuses and excesses which he sought to correct. Too many people wanted to talk and some of them talked too long. Paul said, "One at a time," and "only a few at any one service." They were not to say that they just had to talk; that the Spirit so moved them that they just couldn't help it. He said that wasn't true, but that the "spirits of the prophets were subject to the prophets." They can control themselves and they ought to do it. There is to be a large measure of freedom in public worship. There is also to be personal restraint, self control. They were not just to abandon themselves to excessive emotion. All things must be done decently and in order, certainly in public worship. We think of this sometimes when a preacher doesn't know when to quit. And we think of it when he gets physically violent and raves and rants and beats the pulpit and jumps up and down. There is no use in hollering so loud. The people will hear better if we control ourselves. One lady said to us about her pastor, "He preaches good sermons, but he has fits in the pulpit!" Self control is one of the finest qualities anywhere; in the pulpit, or out of it.

First Church, Corinth, has called Rev. V. Ward Barr, Ph.D. of University Baptist church, Coral Gables, Fla., and he is expected to begin work at Corinth September 21. We welcome Dr. Barr to Mississippi, who succeeds Dr. T. W. Young who retires from the active pastorate after twenty fruitful years in Corinth.

Pastor W. R. Medling reports a fruitful summer. At Slayden in Marshall county the Vacation Bible school enrolled 42 and had an average attendance of 37. A good revival added ten, eight of them by baptism. Dr. H. L. Martin preached and greatly endeared himself to pastor and people. At Carey Chapel in Marshall county the pastor also conducted the Vacation Bible School, enrolling 45; average attendance 40. The Adults studied "Outlines of Bible History." In the revival Rev. L. G. Frey of Jackson, Tennessee preached. There was one addition and the membership so awakened that the church plans to build Sunday school rooms immediately. The spirit is the best ever. At Canaan in Benton county the pastor conducted the Bible School, enrolling 24; average attendance 22; adult class 12. There was a substantial revival with five additions by baptism, the pastor preaching. At Lamar in Benton county the Bible school enrolled 27; adults 6.

Last week at the home of Mrs. Billy Sunday Dr. Sam Morris, the voice of temperance. Dr. Harry Rimmer preacher-scientist and Evangelist Harry Beckman were elected board members of the International Association of Evangelists. The organization was instituted to keep evangelism on a high level. The headquarters is at Winona Lake, Ind.

On August 23, Union church, Clarke county ordained to the ministry Mr. R. M. Williams. Pastor Charles Jolly was assisted in the council by Rev. D. L. Stennis and the deacons of Union church, also the deacons of New Hope church of Lauderdale county. The examination was led by Brother Stennis, who also preached the sermon. Pastor Jolly presented the Bible and delivered the charge. After the laying on of hands the church and congregation gave the hand of greeting to Brother Williams. The closing prayer was led by Rev. J. L. Williams.

Canada has cut the non-essential consumption of gasoline 50% by not selling at night or on Sundays.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"AVOID EXAGGERATION"

The temptation to exaggerate strongly appeals to preachers and not a few yield to it. It is hard not to exaggerate. The lure of trying to make good news better and bad news worse strongly appeals to humanity, and a preacher is a human being.

The fact that so many preachers do exaggerate has more than once raised the question in the minds of some folks in the congregation and led them to explain, "was he telling the truth or preaching?" The tendency to exaggerate has seriously crippled the ministry of many a preacher. It causes one to see either too brightly or too darkly.

Today whenever a preacher has to be a promoter the pressure toward exaggeration is insistent. If you laymen who read this are disposed to be critical of a preacher for yielding to the temptation here and there to exaggerate, please remember that exaggeration is a constant part of the daily life of most of us. Newspapers, magazines, radios constantly are vehicles through which high pressure exaggeration is being used in propaganda and advertising.

At the same time, we who fill the pulpit have to watch ourselves constantly to avoid the habit of exaggeration. It is easy for a crowd of 150 to look like there are five hundred people.

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The Baptist Messenger quotes a letter from the daughters of a good man who recently passed away: "Papa lost all his earthly goods and had nothing to leave us, but the greatest thing in all the world was the wonderful Christian heritage he left us that will live on forever. It is something that cannot be taken away from us. His life will live on in the hearts of many whom he was instrumental in leading to his Savior and those to whom he did kindly deeds, for he went about doing good in the highways and the hedges."

Pastor J. A. Huffstatler of Independence had his brother, F. Z., with him for a six days' meeting in Hickory Grove Church, Tate County. There were six received for baptism and two by letter. The preaching was of the good gospel kind. Brother J. A. Huffstatler has baptized forty-four in his churches this summer.

Pastor A. E. Pardue baptized eighteen into the fellowship of the church at Magnolia, two of his own children as a result of the meeting in which he was aided by Pastor C. C. Morris of Ada, Okla.

At Mars Hill Church, Pike County, there were twenty-two additions to the church in a meeting in which Pastor S. G. Pope was assisted by Rev. A. E. Pardue.

Brother A. B. Pierce of Crystal Springs helped in six meetings this summer, in which one hundred people were added to the churches.

Pastor Walter B. Price speaks in high praise of the work done by Rev. Jas. B. Leavell of Leland, who helped him and the Walnut Church in Quitman County in a gracious and genuine revival. The community was saddened by the death of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toy Tedford.

At Jones Bayou Church and at Dockery Church in Sunflower County, Pastor W. B. Price had the responsibility and the joy of preaching in his own meeting, and both the pastor and the churches are better for the experience. At Jones Bayou there were thirty additions, and fifteen at Dockery.

Brother B. E. Phillips writes that he had joyous fellowship with Brother C. W. Black in two meetings. In Antioch Church, Lawrence County, Brother Black helped him; and in Palestine Church, Simpson County, he helped Brother Black. The attendance and fellowship were good and some were baptized in both churches. He says, "Bro. Black is a good man and true to the Bible."

Rev. L. B. Cobb, Pastor of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, La., supplied the pulpit of Broadway Church, Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday 24th, the Pastor, Douglas Hudgins, being away on vacation.

RETIREMENT AT FORTY

By Bruce H. Price, Asheboro, N. C.

Only four more years until I reach the age of retirement. Those who know me will be surprised. They think of me as a seminary student in my middle twenties, just ten years ago. Their judgment is to be commended. Yet four more years and I face retirement.

This retirement day, which the young man longs for and the old man dreads, is not near because of bad health, financial independence, or decline in spiritual enthusiasm. Mine will be an enforced retirement because of age. For the other professions, life may begin at forty, but for the ministry retirement begins at forty, and I shall reach forty in four more years. The Annuity Board of Southern Baptists places the retirement age twenty-five years later—at sixty-five. But after all, the board was organized before the rush of the pulpits to the boy preachers. It does not have its ear to the churches. So I, along with other ministers, will retire at forty.

The above statement is made on the assumption that some of the churches have their way about it. For, when calling a pastor, many churches are placing the dead line and age limit at forty. Recently, a deacon in one of the larger churches said in regard to their next pastor that the church would not consider anyone over forty. On another occasion, a church was corresponding with denominational leaders in regard to a new pastor. They were interested in a man of recognized ability. All reports to the committee were favorable until some one asked, "How old is he?" The answer was forty-eight. The committee replied, "we are looking for a man in his thirties."

Another church was without a pastor. One of the members was heard to say, "we are going to call a young man next time." When asked the age of the last pastor, the reply was thirty-five.

More and more of our churches are seeking young men. Preachers under forty are in great demand. This is all right when one is thirty-six, but pastors above forty are already retired as far as these churches are concerned.

Limiting The Spirit

It is not consistent for a church to pray for the leadership of the Spirit and then limit the Spirit to an age bracket. The Spirit must be free in his operation. He will not be bound.

The ministry is the only profession in which experience and mature leadership is discounted. The doctor, lawyer, banker, engineer, college president, and army officer do their greatest work after fifty and are often active at seventy. Gladstone did his best work after seventy, and if our nation had lost the services of Oliver Wendell Holmes at three score and ten, we would have been the loser. Chief Justice Hughes has announced his retirement in his eightieth year. If he had followed his preacher father into the ministry, few churches would have considered calling him twenty-five years ago, when he was almost elected President.

These men were able to accomplish great things late in life because there is no retiring age for the mind. The mind does not grow old. Mental power—which is intellectual ability—does not decline with age. The mind can reach the same mental height at eighty as it attained at thirty. This statement is contrary to popular belief, but psychologists will stand by it because tests have proved it to be true.

Mental speed does decline to some degree with age. This decline in mental speed has often been confused with mental power. The old mind has the intellectual ability of youth but the mental speed becomes slightly slower. However, this is rarely detected except by scientific test.

Above Fifty

It is often said that a young man in his thirties is more active than one in his fifties. It is also true that a two-year-old colt is more active than a seven-year-old horse, but the horse is more valuable in the harness.

The man above fifty should be stronger in his faith, more tactful in his contacts, purer in his personal life, sounder in the doctrine, and warmer in his love. His sermons should be richer, fuller, and deeper; his presence a benediction on the street, in the home, and in the church. The comfort and spiritual power of a good old man with a shepherd heart is worth more to a congrega-

"EXCEPT YE REPENT"

Luke 13:1. Now there were some present at that very season who told him (Christ) of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate mingled with their sacrifices. 2. And he answered and said unto them, Think ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans because they have suffered these things? 3. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish. 4. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were offenders above all the men that dwell in Jerusalem? 5. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Spoken by Jesus Christ.

These words spoken by Christ seem very strange and harsh for one whom we commonly think of as being characterized principally by love, mercy, kindness, tenderness, compassion, etc. Upon several occasions Christ's indignation was roused and he voiced judgement and wrath. The lament of Christ over Jerusalem and the curse pronounced upon the city in the 23rd Chapter of Matthew is a terrible example of how Christ, when opportunities have been spurned: must, since he has the attribute of justice as well as love, pass judgement on sinful man.

Has not the "Wrath of God," "The Justice of God," and "The Chastening Hand of God" been largely cast into the discard as being "old fashioned." There has been so much criticism of "Hell-fire Preachers" in recent years that they have largely backed down or died out without successors; and preachers today, all too often, have been preaching what the people want to hear, namely: "God is Love," "God is Merciful." There is example after example of God passing judgement on man when he has disobeyed him. Many times God found it necessary to chasten the Israelites, both as a nation and as individuals. The New Testament states explicitly that God will chasten his children. Tribulation comes to the Christian for two purposes, first, to purge of sin, secondly, to cause growth in Christian Character. People today are inclined to reason and rationalize about trouble and lightly say "it is all for the best" without searching for God's motives; or, attribute things to chance, accident, the blind operation of the forces of nature, and, "just one of those things." Man shuts his ears against the voice of God. Just as sure as God's children, his churches, or Christian nations fall away from the faith, judgment and wrath are sure to follow when God's patience has become exhausted.

Do you see a parallel in what is happening to the countries of Europe today and what happened to the Israelites in the days of yore when they fell

tion in the trials of life than anything a pastor half his age can give.

Age Can Reach Youth

The fallacy that it takes a young preacher to reach young people should be exploded. One of the finest workers with young people that I have ever known is nearing four score years. This teacher does not have a patent on success in young people's work. It is as simple as loving, learning, living, and longing. These four words describe the teacher's relationship to a large class of boys in a young people's department.

All the burden for the trend of the churches to the young preachers must not be put on the churches. It seems easy for the preacher above forty to develop an old age complex. In his failure to receive a desired call he can console himself by thinking the church wants a younger man, instead of facing and overcoming his faults, lack of tact, high temper, neglect of study, failure to visit, and laziness in general. It is much easier to hide behind the cloak of old age or better still, the thought and feeling that the church wants a young man.

I do not wish to retire at forty. I wish to keep awake. I desire to give my best to the work. I want to love the Lord in old age as in youth. I hope to keep in close touch with the people.

The day will soon come when there will be a reaction in our churches. Experienced pastors will be called. The wisdom of age will be appreciated. The older men will be welcomed as pastors. The pastor's ability, loyalty, and devotion to the work will be more important to the churches than his age.

away from the faith? But, you may parry, aren't these western European countries who have met such tragedy, good, upstanding, Christian peoples? At first thought we are inclined to say yes. But when we begin to examine them closely by the New Testament standards, we find them not only lacking much in positive Christianity, but are full of many evil ways besides. As for positive Christianity one of the best measuring rods is that of evangelism and missionary enterprise. How short these countries have fallen when one thinks of the time they have had the gospel, their numbers, and their wealth. England alone among them has sent large numbers of missionary workers to foreign fields. England has found much more favor with God than the others and that, I believe, is why England has been spared more, even tho she has undergone great suffering. Even England has fallen far short of her opportunities. If she had been as industrious in the evangelization of foreign lands as she has been politically and economically, how different would the world be today. As for the gross sin of European countries, there has been great intemperance and much commerce to other lands in intoxicating liquors, much immorality, vice, adultery, fornication, greed, covetousness, avarice, hatred, selfishness, and so on. How prevalent is selfishness and what a basic sin it is. Paul puts it right along with the other heinous sins. Surely, Europe of today, tragic as it all may be, has no right to expect other than what they are receiving. God is allowing Hitler to serve God's purposes in scourging and chastening those unhappy peoples.

To come closer home, what of America? I think there are many fine Christians and spiritual churches in the U. S. today and our churches have done much in the mission fields at home and abroad. Again, we too, are far short of what we could have done. And on the question of sin, what is your opinion of the U. S.? There is an enormous amount of sin among us today. How about the falling away from the faith; and the scarcity of Christian workers, and the smallness of tithes and offerings, and the worldliness of Christians, such that they are hard to distinguish from non-Christians; and the greed for gain even by questionable enterprise and to the neglect of Christian obligations; and immorality, vice, gambling, drinking, night clubs, divorce, lewdness, political corruption, and on and on. May the Holy Spirit convict Christians everywhere of sin, of judgment, and of righteousness. Then will non-Christians come to repentance also.

What is the "First Line of Defense" of a Christian nation? It is the protecting hand of God. Just read your Bible and find out. The Old Testament is replete with examples of God's dealings with the Children of Israel wherein he blessed them with peace and prosperity when they were faithful and how when they went into sin, God allowed war, famine, and various tribulations to come upon them. We hear so much about the "navy is our first line of defense" and the army is the second, etc. An extremely high percentage of Americans today are placing all their hope of security in men and arms. I suspect that a great many people today feel that God is unable to cope with Hitler and that man will have to come to the rescue of God's Kingdom here upon the earth. If America would spend just a few billions for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, and the nation really embrace Christianity, would there be anything to fear from Hitler? Is God still all powerful? Yes, and God can stop Hitler and all his huge war machine any hour he sees fit. If America becomes involved, what will that indicate? Simply that God has seen fit to let America have a severe scourging and chastening. Already we are receiving a measure of it.

Is the U. S. without guilt in regard to China? Have we ignored a solemn pledge guaranteeing China's integrity? Yes, we have. We score other nations without mercy when they cast away a treaty as a "mere scrap of paper." Not only have we refused to go to their aid, but making the crime doubly bad, we have sold Japan anything she wanted to slaughter the Chinese with and to wreck their country. Even for our Mission enterprises we have been content to sit idly by and allow them to be wrecked and the Missionaries driven out. I

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EDITORIALS

CENTENNIAL OF COLDWATER

A drive of something over 200 miles brought the editor to Eudora in DeSoto county where the Centennial of the Coldwater Association was celebrated on Wednesday of last week. We spoke by request of the association at the closing morning hour. It was a matter of great personal interest, because we were born in the bounds of the Coldwater Association, also born again here, and licensed to preach and preached our first sermon here.

The territory included many years ago the country between Memphis and Grenada, a territory now occupied by at least half a dozen different associations. Because of the more modern method of organizing by counties, the name Coldwater was given up a few years ago, and the name of DeSoto County Association was adopted by the brethren in this immediate territory.

Many of the saints and servants of God who labored here have passed over the river, among them the editor's father, who spent many years of his ministry here. It was difficult to refrain from calling the long list of names, as many as are enumerated in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

This session of the association was held in the beautiful new house of the Eudora Church which has a great history and now has Rev. E. C. Horton for their good pastor. There was a good attendance from over the county and not a few from the outside. This was the first association meeting, this year and it set the pace. There were three sessions, morning noon and evening, with dinner and supper served at the school building nearby.

Brother Hugh Foster was elected moderator over his protest, and Rev. E. C. Horton vice moderator at the request of brother Foster. The program was prepared and a copy furnished every messenger. Brother Dunaway was elected clerk. It was good to see folks like Dr. Emerson and his family who have been the stay of every good cause for a generation. A long list of good people come to mind.

Brother W. E. Lee led a helpful devotional and then the program was carried out in order. Not much time could be given to any one subject, but but the time was fairly divided. Among the visitors present we noticed brethren Mize, McLaurin and Jackson, all of whom were given time and made use of it.

But the members of the association themselves spoke and made things interesting. Among the messengers was Dr. B. G. Lowrey now living in DeSoto county, long loved and honored by all Mississippi Baptists. Among the preachers were brethren M. C. Whitten, H. J. Rushing, brethren Moses and Hardy. This fellowship could not be excelled. The editor and his wife were given a most cordial reception.

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According to the Berlin anybody in a conquered country who protests in word or deed against the German domination is now stigmatized as a "Jew," or a "Communist." This thing of calling names is quite a fad with children who wish to blast somebody they don't like with an offensive name. In this spirit the Jews called Jesus a "Samaritan."

Now and then you hear the criticism of President Roosevelt that he promised to keep us out of the war. It is more nearly correct to say that he promised not to lead us into war. No sane man could promise to prevent war, for no man can give such a guaranty. During the presidential campaign both of the leading candidates expressed themselves against war with equal force. It was not merely campaign thunder. Both were sincere. Nobody of sound mind wants war. But both candidates have seen from subsequent conditions how hard it is to keep out of war with madmen loose in the world. And both of them believe that the best way to avoid war is a firm inter-national policy and preparation for war. And a president who couldn't see this is simply a figurehead, or worse.

PICTURES OF JESUS

In The Midst Of Controversy

The seventh chapter of John gives us a picture of Jesus in the midst of antagonistic opinions openly and forcefully expressed. He was the center and cause of the controversy. The differences and divisions were formed about him. It is well to look at the cause and nature of these differences, and how he bore himself in the midst of it all.

Antagonism toward him arose at Jerusalem when he healed a man on the sabbath day, and in the discussion which followed "made himself equal with God." Because of this hostility, he left Judea and "walked in Galilee," for the Jews "sought to kill him." He did not wish his mission to be cut short and thwarted; and to avoid this he worked and taught and preached in Galilee. John tells us very little of his Galilean ministry.

At this time his brothers did not believe on him. They knew nothing in all probability of his supernatural birth. They lived too close to him to evaluate his nature. They had no proper perspective. His sinless life had been a rebuke and an offense to them. They were doubtless jealous of his popularity, and tauntingly challenged Him to go to Jerusalem to show what He could do. The feast of the Tabernacles was at hand and it would furnish a good opportunity.

Jesus refuses to be put on the spot, and tells them He will do no such thing. Then he says, "I go not up to the feast;" He seems to mean only that He will not go in the way and for the purpose they suggest. But he does go simply as a private worshiper at the feast. He knows that to go as a public religious teacher will be sure to bring him into conflict with the rulers and their satellites. The reason is that in his preaching and teaching it is impossible for him to be a negative character. He can not be a merely popular preacher and teacher. He has moral convictions and a moral passion which is bound to find expression, and bring him into open conflict. He cannot let sin and error go unexposed and uncondemned. He says, "My time is not yet come. You go; you will not make trouble. The world will not hate you. But me it hateth because I testify of it that its works are evil." Jesus was and is the moral crux. In the light of him sin comes to light, and opposition develops. Simeon said of Him that He was "set for the falling and rising of many in Israel" and that because of Him the "thoughts out of many hearts would be revealed." He is the test of sin, and the great Separator.

These things are proved in the remainder of the chapter. He went "as it were in secret." He did not purpose then to bring on the crisis. But the moral urge was so strong that it forced him to appear at the temple and to teach. The need was great and the consciousness of His mission was irresistible. The temple was not simply his pulpit; it was his Father's house, the home of his soul. He could not but speak the truth.

This soon started the controversy. Some people are mortally afraid of starting something. They are afraid of differences, afraid of a rookus. But one who preaches the truth is not to blame for the trouble. It is the person who doesn't like the truth. Jesus did not love a fight, but he did not run away from it.

The first response to his teaching was comparatively mild. They simply said, "Where did this man learn about these things? He has not been here in the school of the rabbies." That gave Jesus his key, his opportunity. If you can get people to talking, specially to asking questions, you have made a good beginning. It is the man who sits mum that is hard to help.

Until that is done you are not getting anywhere. So he not only tells them the source of his knowledge of the truth, but how anybody may KNOW what is the source. "If any man willeth to do God's will, he shall know that what I am telling you is from God."

Here is the finest, the only sure way to know whether the words of Jesus are from God; not simply a willingness, but a fixed, clear, unalterable determination to do the will of God—however it may be known. This will clear up all confusion and doubt and uncertainty as to whether his message and mission are really divine. It will bring you squarely into line with the teaching of Jesus. It dissolves all doubts. It is a cure for scepticism

A great deal is being said and published today about the lack of proper morale among the young men in our training camps. Something is suggested as to the means as well as necessity of improving it. There may be many contributing causes to this undesirable condition. We mention a few here which need to be thought about seriously. One of the most hurtful things is the griping and grouching by people who do not like President Roosevelt. The Christian Century can hardly talk about anything else than what it thinks are the faults of Mr. Roosevelt. It is plumb crosseyed whenever it thinks of him. The same may be said of the Saturday Evening Post. Another cause of this poor morale in the army is the bad morale among the people generally. They are without conviction, without the sacrificial spirit, ease loving, too soft to stand up without being propped. Some religious papers or editors have lost all theological and spiritual stamina. They don't believe anything strong enough to fight for it and die for it. You can't make a strong army out of weak people. We are more disposed to coddle the soldier boys than to discipline them. And when they are disciplined we call on Congress to stop the discipline.

North Carolina's sales tax is an improvement on ours in Mississippi in one respect. Bibles and church equipment are exempt from the tax. Theirs is also 3% while ours is only 2%.

and unbelief. Confusion and doubt as to the divinity of Jesus only show that a man is out of line with the will of God. "He shall convict the world of sin because they believe not on me."

These folks may not have known they were out of line with the will of God, but he reminds them that they had wished to kill Him. They broke the commandment of Moses in this matter, even when they professed great devotion to Moses.

From this the controversy about Him rages openly. They are puzzled that the rulers who sought to kill him, do not now take him. Can they indeed know that this is the Christ? They are beginning to question the honesty of their rulers. They are puzzled and confused. They are divided into hostile and semi-friendly groups. They argue back and forth as to whether he is the Christ, a prophet or a villain. The officers get wind of all this and sent subalterns to arrest Him. But these join the ranks of listeners and questioners, and return at last empty handed and more than half persuaded to believe.

Now look at Jesus in the midst of it all. He is unperturbed. He was as composed as if sitting in the parlor of a friend. He is in His Father's house. And He is Master in the House. He is the one for whose worship the house was built. It is not enough for them to come to the house of worship. They must come to Him. "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink." He alone can satisfy the worshiper's hunger and thirst. Not only does He meet and satisfy the thirst of the soul, He goes far beyond that: He makes the believer himself a source of blessing. "He that believeth on me, from within him shall flow rivers of living water." The Holy Spirit shall so fill the believer that he becomes a fountain of blessing to a perishing world.

Men may differ widely and wildly about Jesus, but the humble disciple can still demonstrate the truth of the gospel and like his Lord bring the kingdom of heaven down among men.

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AMERICAN BAPTISTS GAINING BY MILLIONS

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Baptist growth in the United States is perhaps without a parallel among evangelical bodies in the history of Christianity. The summary of this growth by millions as given herewith presents an eloquent and compelling message to those who are planning, praying and pressing the enlarged Baptist program in the South and in the North of the United States. The figures include the Baptists of the United States only:

Period Covered	Years required to win	Baptist millions won
1639-1856	217 years	1,008,321 (A.B.A.)
1857-1876	20 years	2,106,572 (A.B.Y.)
1877-1886	10 years	3,163,234 (A.B.Y.)
1887-1894	8 years	4,011,794 (S.B.A.)
1895-1904	10 years	5,015,574 (S.B.A.)
1905-1913	9 years	6,248,133 (S.B.A.)
1914-1917	4 years	7,212,844 (S.B.A.)
1918-1921	4 years	8,149,192 (S.B.A.)
1922-1927	6 years	9,100,432 (S.B.A.)
1928-1936	9 years	10,101,860 (S.B.A.)
1937-1940	4 years	11,142,842 (S.B.A.)

LET US MAKE IT A MILLION A YEAR.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS COULD WIN HALF THAT NUMBER NEXT YEAR.

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One of the most interesting and significant happenings in Mississippi for many years is the buying by the government of a large tract of land in Washington County, near Lake Washington, and the sale of it on long time payments, in small tracts, to men who have hitherto been tenant farmers. This is not the first time anything of this kind has happened in our state and in other states; but it is a conspicuous instance of social and economic change. Here will be, as has been in some other places, a large colony of people who are beginning life all over again. It will furnish not only a social and economic experiment; it will be a great religious opportunity. Our Baptist people in these parts should now buy up the opportunity, and our State Convention Board should open its eyes to this challenge. Probably most of these people will be Baptists or hospitable to the Baptist faith. Don't let anybody else take our crown. This is just another argument for what we have been pleading for, a survey of the field, and some initiative in meeting the needs of our people in Mississippi. Who is really studying our mission problems?

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At the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Birmingham the committee which had managed the campaign to secure help for British missions was continued. They have been in correspondence with the British Baptists and have thought it wise not to press the campaign now for further help. They may make an appeal later on. Dr. Geo. W. Truett is chairman of the committee, and Dr. L. D. Newton is secretary.

No periodical, secular or religious, has more faithfully supported our national government in its foreign policy than has the Baptist Record, and we expect to continue to do so, but we cannot refrain from expressing fear that the chastening rod of God will fall upon our nation when its rulers have shown all sympathy and lent aid to the liquor dealers for many years past. President Roosevelt more than any other one man is responsible for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. The Secretaries of War and Navy have refused to put any restraint on the sale of liquor among the enlisted men. The present federal administration has licensed hundreds of bootleggers in Mississippi to sell liquor in violation of the state laws. The people who have stood for a century for states' rights are now overriding these rights. Justice and judgment have fled from our councils. More liquor per capita is drunk in the national capital than in any other place in the nation. We do not know how the war is coming out, but we will hardly escape the wrath of God unless there is evidence of repentance. Pious phrases from those in high places will not save us. "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

IMMANUEL—Neshoba County

Rev. R. A. Collier is the new pastor at Immanuel. This is a new church organized under the leadership of Rev. C. C. Weaver of Noxapater. This church started off with the EVERY FAMILY Plan and continues to like it. They have a nice building, new seats, electric lights, and plans for several Sunday school rooms.

"The people had a mind to work" correctly describes the folks at Immanuel. Earl McCowan is the Sunday school superintendent and Ernest McCowan is B. T. U. director.

Neshoba County's Record readers are listed as follows: COLDWATER 35; Dixon 2; IMMANUEL 11; McDonald 1; OAK GROVE 11; SPRING CREEK 29; NESHOPA 15; OLD PEARL VALLEY 32; PHILADELPHIA 255; SARDIS 21.

Decatur

Under the leadership of Pastor C. B. Hamlett III, the work at Decatur is going places. On June 1 the church went to full time and even with this forward step the budget is being overpaid. The Sunday school has reached the A-1 standard, and Superintendent J. G. Fancher plans to help keep it there. As Decatur is the site of East Central Junior College, Pastor Hamlett is planning a B. S. U. retreat for the last days of August.

We had the morning service to present the EVERY FAMILY Plan to the Decatur saints, and the pastor hopes to have it adopted soon.

Newton County has subscribers as follows: Beulah 11; BETHEL 16; Chunky 1; Conehatta 1; Cross Roads 1; Decatur 15; HICKORY 65; Lawrence 1; Little Rock 1; MT. PLEASANT 35; NEWTON 156; Rock Branch 1; Stratton 2; UNION 147; Zion 1; Midway 1; Goodhope 1; NEW IRELAND 30; Fellowship 5; Roberts 1.

Union

Reports show that finances at Union have been better this summer than ever before. The people still talk about the good meeting conducted by Rev. S. A. Murphy last May. All the organizations at Union are going good, and Dr. Cobb, Pastor, looks forward to a great fall and winter. The Sunday school is led by General Superintendent J. L. Lewis, the B. T. U. by General Director Charles Foster, and the W. M. U. by Mrs. George Kelly.

But we expect to find things on the upgrade at Union. It is an EVERY FAMILY church.

Estes Also Goes Places

The Baptist Record has no better friend than State Evangelist Rev. E. D. Estes. Brother Estes boosts the Record during every revival. The following list shows the number of subscriptions he has turned in during the present Convention year:

November	15
December	12
January	19
February	33
March	20
April	57
May	23
June	10
July	41

Total 230

More than a thousand revivals will be held in Mississippi during 1941. If each visiting preacher would average ten per meeting the Record would have ten thousand new subscribers. It's easy—try it.

Grenada County Association

Our first association for the year was Grenada County. If all associations measure up to Grenada County, they will have to go some.

Graysport Church was the enterprising church

YOUNG MINISTERS ARE NOT SELFISH

The young ministers in this state, I am convinced, are not selfish. Surely none of them is saying, when the Ministers' Retirement Plan of the Relief and Annuity Board is brought to their attention, "It won't do me any good to join now. I'll join later when I won't have to pay for so long. Let the fellows who will enjoy the benefits now support the Plan." Our young ministers are not saying this because they realize that here they are dealing with a Southwide Cooperative Plan, which ought to have enthusiastic support from young and old alike. Our young men rejoice to see the denomination step in and help lighten the burden for their older brethren who have given their lives in devoted service. Every young minister who has not already done so should join the Plan, with his church, during September. Send your application to me that I may certify it and forward it to the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas.

DR. D. A. McCALL,

Executive Secretary and Treasurer,
Jackson, Mississippi.

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The statement of aims prepared and signed and published by President Roosevelt is said to have one advantage over the "fourteen points" issued by President Wilson during the first World War, namely, that it was not an individual statement made by the representative of one government, but jointly by the heads of two great governments. Then why should anybody object to representatives of the great Baptist denomination getting together and proclaiming to the world their beliefs and aims? There is a whole lot of nonsense going the rounds in the form of objections to a statement of Baptist faith. There's something dead up the creek when anybody doesn't want the world to know what he believes, or what any group of people hold and believe in common. Luke's Gospel was a sort of confession of faith. He says it was about what Jesus did and taught. We do not hear people objecting to the "Apostles' Creed," or any of the historic creeds of the past. The people who object to a Baptist Confession of Faith do not raise any objection when an "ecumenical council" gets together in Edinburgh and issues a pronouncement of what they believe in common, or about "faith and order." Why so squeamish about Baptists doing the same thing? Democrats and Republicans issue in their national conventions every four years a statement of their faith, and nobody makes a fuss about it. On the contrary, these statements are much publicized and highly rated by their constituents. Then why in the name of common sense raise a hullabaloo against a Baptist Confession of Faith? Something phoney there!

And now they tell us that 20 per cent of the planes which have been sent from the United States to the British for use in the Near East have been wrecked in Africa by "drinking drivers." Drunkenness is a matter of concern to us in every part of the world. In this way hundreds of thousands of dollars can soon be taken out of the pockets of tax payers and thrown away.

It is said that in Nova Scotia about 60% of the Baptist Churches annually report no baptisms.

and they did all that the world suggests.

Officers elected were: Moderator, Dr. G. E. Wiley; Vice-Moderator, Rev. Bowen Beverley; Clerk, Mrs. Mabel Moorhead.

The reports were well prepared and in addition, they were well read.

Rev. J. M. Spikes preached the annual sermon. All who know Bro. Spikes know that he gave us a good one.

Grenada County has Record readers as follows: FIRST, GRENADA 112; HARDY 24; HOLCOMB 24; PROVIDENCE 18.

We were given a good place on the morning program to speak about the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY plan and the Cooperative Program. In addition, we had a testimony meeting. All pastors whose churches had the EVERY FAMILY plan testified that they liked it and that it was a helpful part of their church program. (Those who have it should know more about its worth than those who don't.)

THE CALL OF THE CHAPLAINCY
Growing Military Forces Require 100 Southern
Baptist Ministers Now
By Alfred Carpenter
Superintendent, Camp Work, Home Mission Board

The first major effort in my position as field secretary of camp and community work for the Home Mission Board was to acquaint myself with the field.

For that purpose I immediately made a swing through the east coast states touching eighteen camps, forts and air bases. I conferred with chaplains, line officers, enlisted men, pastors, and state secretaries. The trip was climaxed with two days in the office of the Chief of Chaplains in Washington.

All types of military centers were visited and the men were seen on parade and drill ground, while at work and in worship. A survey was made of all sorts of community centers each representing its own problem and offering its individual challenge.

The first major impression resulting from this trip was the dire need of more chaplains to minister to the rapidly growing military forces.

Although the number of non-Catholics and Jewish chaplains has been stepped up from 129 to 1200 in one year, the Government is calling for more. This month Southern Baptists have been asked for an additional 102; since the call, 42 have been recommended, but this still is far below the quota.

These figures do not take into consideration those reserve chaplains leaving the service for various reasons. Neither do they consider the number necessary to meet the needs of an enlarged army. Therefore Southern Baptists need approximately 100 chaplains now. In the terms of the appeal that comes to us, "We seriously need 102 qualified Southern Baptist chaplains; we need them now."

Southern Baptists, it seems to me, need to exalt the chaplain's office. Many of these men have left good pastorates to render sacrificial service. They are ministering to young able-bodied, capable men at an age most difficult for the churches to reach. A census reveals that they are reaching more men in the army for church services than the churches are reaching at home.

The chaplain is the only religious worker in direct contact with the men. He goes to the field of action with them; therefore we must exalt his office and build the program around the chaplain while he is in camp in order that the men will be under his leadership on the field of action where they need him most.

These chaplains are among God's best preachers and are making a noble sacrifice in their ministry to our men. We need to exalt their office, carry them to the throne of grace in prayer, invite them into our homes, fellowship them sincerely.

This trip revealed to me that our government has a genuine interest in the religious life of its men. This is indicated by the millions of dollars spent in paying the salaries and expenses of around 2,000 chaplains, and maintaining the Chief of Chaplains' staff which is one of the most important divisions of our military life, and building chapels in the training camp.

One chaplain for each 1200 to 2000 men is provided. Six hundred chapels are in the process of building to be located on the best building sites and to be the outstanding building of the outfit. Each chapel serves approximately 2,000 men. The preaching program to be promoted here would challenge any church. NO GOVERNMENT HAS EVER PROMOTED SUCH A RELIGIOUS PROGRAM IN THE INTEREST OF ITS MEN AS OURS IS NOW.

Because religion is not the business of our Government, therefore it invites, encourages and somewhat demands the cooperant support of the denominations.

It is asking them to recommend their respective chaplains, to recognize them denominationally and support them spiritually, and to furnish those materials that the government cannot supply. These materials include Bibles, Sunday school and training union literature, study course books, denominational newspapers and periodicals, books of religious fiction.

Where and when needed, the denominations are

THE PRESENT WHISKEY DEBACLE

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The claim is made that the present so called "Control system" gets rid of the bootleggers. The very opposite is true; 25 per cent of the whiskey consumed today is bootleg whiskey. The federal agents are taking from 800 to 110 stills a month now. That is far more than at any time during prohibition. If all the stills that have been taken since repeal were to run full capacity they would produce 331,747,435 gallons of whiskey. This would have brought the government \$995,242,305.00 in alcohol taxes. And in 1940 the Federal agents arrested 25,638 bootleggers; far more than for any one year in the prohibition period. Of all the people now in the Federal prisons in America, 56 per cent of them are there for evading the whiskey taxes. In Cleveland, Ohio, 1000 whiskey dealers were found to be buying their whiskey supplies from wholesale bootleggers. The government is now spending \$636,000.00 more money each year to enforce the whiskey laws than it ever spent to enforce the prohibition laws. Any magazine advertisement, any news report or editorial and any politicians, regardless of who, where or in what office who says, implies or infers or intimates that the present system of handling the whiskey problem is better than prohibition, or that the prohibition system failed, is either speaking with out the facts and will not get the facts or he is willfully lying, one or the other! And our youth need to have these facts dinned into them!

Then they tell us that prohibition encouraged people to drink and that people drank more under prohibition than they do now. That is not so! During the time of the present system the nation has spent \$60,000,000,000.00 on crime, \$6,000,000,000.00 of which was spent on crimes caused directly by drinking whiskey. During the present system there have been to the first of 1941, up to this year, 40,000 traffic deaths caused by drunken drivers. More than all traffic deaths combined for the entire period of prohibition. Now here is something that you can't believe and I can't. But the figures are authenticated to me. The present increase in the consumption of alcoholic drinks in the United States is—now listen—500,000 gallons a day. And they tell us that gambling was greatly increased by prohibition. That is not so! In 1940 the gambling of America cost the American people \$6,600,000,000.00. As a further proof that prohibition did not accentuate drinking; at the time of the passing of the prohibition law there 170,000 licensed saloons in the United States; now 437,501 licensed whiskey stores with 1,353,000 American girls and young women selling alcoholic drinks over the counter in these places of business. The magazine advertisement, the news story or editorial or politician that says, infers or implies that repeal has accentuated the control and suppression of drinking is lying and knows it! 96,000 more people have died from alcoholism since repeal than during the entire time of prohibition. And in 1936, third year of repeal, the Keely institutes had more people than during the entire time of prohibition; up to that early date they were showing a 55 per cent yearly increase of patients; up to that same date the number of men under thirty years of age

expected to furnish the chaplains additional helpers to conduct, preaching missions, revivals, Bible study courses and other types of activities as the program of the camp will permit.

An unparalleled opportunity is afforded to carry the Gospel to the young men of our nation. There is a great need for more chaplains to religiously guide the men.

For this work are sought only the highest type, spiritually, morally and educationally. The age is 24 to 40. Other requirements are an A. B. and Th.B. degrees with five years pastoral experience; physically fit, morally sound, denominationally cooperative and first of all a Gospel preacher. We need men not afraid to take a long look at a hard task.

Baptists have never failed the government in time of emergency. We will not fail NOW. We stand in the gap for the government with a Gospel that knows no geographical bounds, no political affiliations or social distinction.

He again the great commission, "Go ye." Let us go now and "Carry Christ to the Camps."

refused insurance by the standard companies of America because of drink habits increased 149 per cent; in that same period the arrests of drunken drivers increased 300 per cent.

If there was ever a time beneath the stars when every pastor and every evangelist ought to equip himself with the facts and give them to the people with the boldness that comes only by the stimulation of a great thrilling challenge that time is now! If there was ever a time when all the forces of righteousness and Godliness ought to move with a conquering militancy against every conceivable form of iniquity it is now! If there was ever a time when the enemy himself furnished you all the munitions with which to drive a blitzkrieg against his own fortresses that time is now. Use it!

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EVANGELISM SO CALLED

A short while ago we were invited to assist an evangelist in evangelistic work in Mississippi and Louisiana. This man said that he was a Baptist and had a nice tent, piano, seats, etc. We accepted the invitation to our regret. We learned that this evangelist had at one time been a Missionary Baptist and also had been a Landmark, but at the present time, and for the last few years, he was a trunk Baptist.

We only worked a very short time with the said brother but learned that he had conducted four Holiness campaigns in the community where we were supposed to have our campaign. Results? I left the man and came on back home.

We met one other so called Baptist evangelist conducting a revival in a Methodist church in the same town but without consent of the pastor. This same evangelist came into a church of which I was pastor part time, doing missionary work here in Kentucky by getting permission of the trustees to use the building. This man is a General Baptist, or wet Methodist. He gets the sympathy of the people by telling them that he is an ex-convict. I was on the field only one day while this evangelist was conducting the campaign. By special arrangement with the trustees I preached at both services that day. The evangelist gave the invitation. For over an hour he exhorted all who wanted to see their dear mother to come to the anxious seat. Two men came forward. I asked the first man if he had come to accept Christ. He said: "No." I wanted to know why he came forward. "He replied: "I want to meet my mother." I never got one word out of the second young man. The service was dismissed with the two young men left all alone on the front seat.

To credentialize our pastors and evangelists the Southern Baptist Convention has published yearly the names of all Baptist pastors. If a preacher is recognized by his local church and association his name will be in this book.

HENRY BECKMAN

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THE FUTURE—WHAT DOES IT HOLD?

None of us knows the complete answer to this question: We do know whether or not we have been negligent in properly providing for the needs of our declining years. The Convention Ministers' Retirement Plan is the logical way for Southern Baptist ministers to prepare for the future. Have you and your church joined yet? Write me for information. Then decide this important question without delay.

DR. D. A. McCALL,
 Executive Secretary and Treasurer,
 Jackson, Mississippi.

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"EXCEPT YE REPENT"

(Continued from Page Three)

don't believe in evangelization by force, but I sure do believe in protecting the work with military means if needed. Again I do not think military action would have been required of us if we as a nation should have been of sufficient Christian principles, righteousness, and integrity. Will God let the United States go free when the nation is guilty of such major sins. I do not see how he can.

A. PILGRIM

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "Go" Mt. 11:4;
"Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:19; "Go" Mk. 16:15;
"Go" Lk. 9:60.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21;
"Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" I Cor. 9:7.

I.

NOTICE: Your attention is called, on the first page of this paper, to the fact that the semi-annual figures were not verified before printing. Please let us know if mistakes appear, in order that such may be corrected. Thanks.

II.

FIRE MOVES.

"Who maketh . . . His ministers a flaming fire" (Psalm civ. 4), or a "kindling" or "blazing flame." The flaming tongue is the product of the kindling Spirit. He gives—

"Tongues of fire and hearts of love,
To preach the reconciling Word."

The following sadly illustrates what we find in too many churches. A minister describes his experience in the following allegorical language:

"A man had a factory!"

"He walked round the outside and then walked round the inside. There were the shafts, all properly set, the cogs, all sharp and clean, the great engine all complete. The machinery was all there, but it didn't move a spoke."

"He was looking disgustedly at the factory when a man came up and said, 'Your factory?' 'Yes,' he replied."

"What do you make?" "That's the trouble: I don't make a thing."

"Doesn't it run?" "No."

"What's the matter with it?" "I don't know."

"Ah," said the man, "I'll tell you: you want to get some hook-nosed oil-cans, and some imported oil, and employ men to go round and oil the machinery and all the bearings."

"Then he came down again, walked round inside and outside. Nothing moved. A man came up to him and said, 'Your factory?' 'Yes,' he replied."

"What do you make?" "Don't make anything."

"Don't it run?" "No."

"What's the matter?" "I don't know."

"I'll tell you; you want to fresco it—side walls and ceiling and I would recommend you to put a couple of barefooted angels with trumpets eternally ready to blow—and do it properly."

"So he put workmen in and frescoed the factory, putting a couple of angels on the ceiling, with trumpets at their lips ready to blow."

"Then he came down and looked it over again, but still it did not move, and while he was looking a man came up and said, 'Your factory?' 'Yes.'"

"What do you make?" "Nothing!"

"Why? Don't it run?" "No."

"What's the matter?" "I don't know."

"Ah," said he, "I'll tell you. It has no steeple. You want to put up a nice steeple on one of the corners, and I'll advise you to put in a fine pipe-organ, and get a quartette choir at the same time."

"So he set men to work, got the steeple up, with a chime of bells that was marvellous, put in a pipe-organ with lots of pipes, got a quartette choir that would beat anything you ever heard, specially on the 'Amen.'"

"Then the man came down, saw the steeple and the organ, and heard the choir and the chimes. But not a thing moved."

"This your factory?" said a man who came up. "Yes."

"What do you make?" "Nothing."

"What's the matter?" "Don't know."

"Does it run?" "No."

"Ah," he said, "you want a picture of the thing taken. Get a photographer to take a picture, have a lot of big copies made and framed and hung up all around—in the railway stations, in the hotels,

in the barbers' shops, and so on, telling all about the time the thing is expected to move. Say it will move at 11 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock at night, and the people will come to see it move."

"So he got a great big picture taken, and had copies hung up at all the places the man told him about."

"Then he came down, walked round inside and out; but couldn't see a hair moving. He was perfectly disgusted. Not a cog trembled!"

"Just then a working man came up, hard-handed man. He took off his hat—he was very polite—and said, 'Beg pardon, sir, is this your factory?'"

"Who told you to ask me that?" grunted the owner of the factory."

"Beg pardon, but is that your factory?" repeated the man. "Yes."

"What do you make?" "Don't make anything."

"Don't it run?" "Run! No, it don't run at all—except into debt!"

"What's the matter, sir?" "I don't know. A man told me to get some hook-nosed oil-cans—and there they are. Another man told me to fresco it, and put in a couple of angels. I frescoed it, and if you will come in and have a look you will see two bare-footed angels on the ceiling ready to blow their trumpets."

"Another man told me to put on a steeple, to get a pipe-organ to engage a quartette choir, and I did. Do you hear those chimes? See that organ? Listen to that choir chasing that 'Amen' up and down! Another man told me to get a photograph tanke and hang up. I have hung it up! But the machinery don't move a spoke, and I am disgusted with the whole business."

"Well," said the working man, "pardon me, sir. I have never been to school, and I don't know anything about those angels; but I would like to ask you one question: Did you ever put any fire under the boiler?"

"Why, I never thought of that."

"Well," said the working man, "if you will take the chances—it will scare the choir, likely—I will put some fire under the boiler."

"Oh," said the man, "go ahead. Move it somehow. Make something of it, if it's only ashes!"

"So the working man went inside, took off his coat, opened the door of the furnace, put in the wood, threw on the petroleum, put in the coal, lighted a match, got the fire going, set on the draughts, shovelled in some more coal, and pulled back the throttle valves. The steam rushed into the cylinder, hit the end of the piston rod, the great wheel began to tremble, it revolved, and the machinery all over the factory began to move. A little more coal—and more—and more—and more, while faster—and faster—faster went the machinery. The quartette choir got scared, and went out of the back door. The whole machinery was moving. Something had happened. Praise the Lord."

Some few years ago I related the above in one of the most fashionable places of worship in Philadelphia. At the close of the service, the secretary of the church said to me, "Mr. Marsh, without knowing it, you have described the sad condition of the church here. We are rich financially, but poor spiritually; as you see we have a palatial building and fashionable congregation. We have a professional paid quartette and a skilled organist, but none of them are converted. Everything about the church building is elaborate and expensive, but there are no conversions, and the majority don't want them. Your sermon would displease many, but the spiritually-minded would thank God for it. We want the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn up the rubbish, and to move the machinery of the church. Pray for us."

—"Emblems of the Holy Spirit" by Marsh.

—BR—

The Religious Herald gives the following figures of conscientious objectors to war by denominations: The Mennonites led the list with a total of 545. The Brethren ran second with 193 and the Methodists followed with 120. The Friends have 118; Jehovah's Witnesses, 115; Presbyterians, 50; the Baptists, 45, and the Catholic group, 28—Ex. Congratulations to the Foreign Mission Board that the Commission has now over 25,000 subscribers.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

I.

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Executive committee meeting read: "The thanks of the Executive committee are expressed to the two field workers, Brother H. T. McLaurin and Brother Gaines Hightower for their faithful service in the club effort, and Secretary McCall is instructed to convey this expression of appreciation to these brethren, also to Brother Frank Skilton and to Blue Mountain College for the loan of Brother Skilton for the six months intensification campaign."

August 28, 1941

II.

No. 2397 for \$36, from West Corinth, in Alcorn, (Mrs. Dewey Wallis, worker).

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No. 509 for \$50, from Tchula in Holmes (H. T. McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2367 for \$36, from Morgan City in Leflore, (H. T. McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2381 for \$36, from Utica in Hinds-Warren.

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No. 2384 for \$36, from Utica in Hinds-Warren, (J. J. Hubberl, worker).

No. 2385 for \$36, from Utica in Hinds-Warren, (A. B. Crawford, worker).

No. 2386 for \$36, from Utica in Hinds-Warren.

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No. 2389 for \$36, from Utica in Hinds-Warren.

No. 2390 for \$36, from Utica in Hinds-Warren.

No. 2391 for \$36, from Utica in Hinds-Warren, (M. F. Herring, worker).

No. 2392 for \$36, from Utica in Hinds-Warren.

No. 492 for \$100, from Utica in Hinds-Warren.

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No. 2368 for \$36, from Hattiesburg, First in Lebanon (H. T. McLaurin, field worker).

No. 41 for \$500, No. 421 for \$100, from North Side, Jackson in Hinds-Warren (H. T. McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2067 for \$36, from Tchula in Holmes, (H. T. McLaurin, field worker).

No. 71 for \$250, from Tchula in Holmes, (H. T. McLaurin, field worker).

No. 420 for \$100, from Tchula in Holmes (H. T. McLaurin, field worker).

No. 503 for \$50, from Tchula in Holmes, (H. T. McLaurin, field worker).

No. 504 for \$50, from Tchula in Holmes, (H. T. McLaurin, field worker).

No. 505 for \$50, from Tchula in Holmes, (H. T. McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2061 for \$36, No. 2062 for \$36, from Morgan City in Leflore, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2063 for \$36, from Morgan City in Leflore, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2064 for \$36, No. 2065 for \$36, from Morgan City in Leflore, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2066 for \$36, from Morgan City in Leflore, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 500 for \$50, from Morgan City in Leflore, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 370 for \$100, No. 415 for \$100, No. 416 for \$100, from Morgan City in Leflore, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 417 for \$100, No. 418 for \$100, from Morgan City in Leflore, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 419 for \$100, from Morgan City in Leflore, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 422 for \$100, No. 423 for \$100, from Calvary, Jackson in Hinds-Warren, (McLaurin, field worker).

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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Yazoo City, Miss.
July 16, 1941.

Mrs. A. J. Aven,
Clinton, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Aven:

I have just been officially notified that I have been awarded the W. M. U. Scholarship to Mississippi College next session. Words cannot express my appreciation for this expression of your love for the work of our Lord. I am not worthy of this honor, but with God's help I will take advantage of the opportunity that this scholarship will afford me in preparing myself for the great work to which God has called me.

Looking forward to meeting you personally at some time in the near future, I am

Yours in Christ,

CHARLES A. JOLLY.

WESSON SUNBEAMS SHINE

During Sunbeam Focus Week Wesson Sunbeams did truly shine for Jesus. On Sunday beginning the special focus week the pastor, Dr. Mark Lowry announced the special services and the Sunbeam leader, Mrs. Mark Lowry, led the Band in several of their songs at the opening of the church service.

On Monday the little Sunbeams rendered an interesting program for the Ann Judson Circle in the W. M. U. Training School. In a colorful way they showed how Training School graduates carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. Map talks, pictures and songs made the program very impressive. Certificates or seals were awarded those who had completed "Playmates in Japan." Mention was made of the China Relief Fund recently sent in and also of the part the Band had in helping purchase the Mexican Bus.

The W. M. S. of Wesson is indeed grateful for the efficient manner in which Mrs. Lowry is leading the Sunbeams in personal service, mission study, Bible study and stewardship. Would that there were more Sunbeams and leaders like these! Only eternity can measure the influence for good here begun.

MRS. R. E. MIDDLETON

Our Young People's Director and Sunbeam Leader used a few of the suggestions during Focus Week for Sunbeams. A short well rendered program was given by Sunbeams between Sunday school and church. Special pews were reserved for mothers and Sunbeams at the eleven o'clock service. A party was given one afternoon having a study, also story hour, then plenty ice cream, mothers and Sunbeams as guests. We wished to do more and next year shall try to have a full week—their regular program meeting on Monday p. m. was emphasized too on that week.

Mrs. E. B. Dobbs, Ackerman.

A TITHER'S TESTIMONY

As far back as I can remember I have heard sermons and programs on tithing and stewardship. I didn't pay much attention to the value and meaning of tithing emphasized in these programs until I became a member of the Y. W. A. and had parts on stewardship programs. When I would get up to give my part I had a very guilty conscience when telling others that they should tithe when I didn't myself. Well, my guilty conscience got the best of me and I began to think more about tithing and realized that the practice of tithing was another step toward being a better Christian. At first I missed the few dollars my tithe amounted to and it was hard to set it aside. It was also tempting to take my tithe money when I saw a dress or some little article I wanted but I always thought of the question "Will a man rob God?" and ended up by doing without. I started taking my tithe out of my check and putting it

aside the first of each month and it soon became very easy as it is just like doing anything else—just practice and it becomes easy—and I got a thrill out of knowing that my tithe, small as it was, had a part in promoting the work of God's Kingdom. Now I subtract my tithe from my check and think only of that amount as my salary as I know the other tenth doesn't belong to me, but to the Lord. Since practicing tithing I have been able to make my salary go further and have been able to add a few extra dollars, which added to my regular tithe is still a small amount to give in comparison with all that the Lord has given me. I have been able to more than double my tithe since I first became a steward and feel that the Lord has rewarded me many times the amount I have given and I get the greatest pleasure in giving and knowing that it is being used along with the tithes of others to carry out the Great Commission by sending the Gospel to those who do not know Christ.

(This is a testimony of a member of the Yazoo City Y. W. A. May it stir our hearts to more faithful as well as a more joyous stewardship of our possessions.)

"FRIENDSHIP—FELLOWSHIP—FROLIC AND HIS SPIRIT OVER ALL"

I know that on looking back over my trip to Ridgecrest the first thing that impressed me was the friendliness of every person I met. I can't begin to name the people we met, spoke with and listened to, but I have a feeling of real friendship for each of them. Miss Mather and Miss Elma Currin endeared themselves to us all by their constant cheerfulness and real desire to see everyone have a good time. The fact that 1000 of us had come to that place to learn how we might best serve God made us friends even before we met. The people who had already given their lives to serve Him came to tell us of the need in other lands. They told us of the wars, the starvation and hardships that our Christian friends suffer. They also told us of the triumph, the joy when a heart is touched and won for Christ! We were made to feel that our friends did not stop with the people we know but those all over the world who need Christ!

A trip to Ridgecrest is such a big thing that everybody just has to miss something. However, nobody in camp had to miss Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon's morning Bible hour. The theme was "My Life and the Kingdom of God." Dr. Weatherspoon made us feel that he was really talking to each one of us personally, his message could be so easily applied to my life and every other who heard him. He made several points that can be briefly set up:

1. The message of the Kingdom is Good News. We must change our minds and put God back in our hearts and let Him rule our lives. God's existence is the greatest reality of all times!
2. The Value of the Kingdom of God to us is that it unifies our lives, giving us a center to build on.
3. The Conflicts of the Kingdom are, of course, in our individual lives and must be overcome by faith and good works.
4. The Power of the Kingdom can be compared to a grain of mustard seed. As it grows silently but quickly it can be seen all around us as a living thing. It is everlasting—can never be stopped.
5. My Part in the Kingdom is to use the talents God has given me to further His work.
6. Praying for the Kingdom—a privilege and duty of every Christian requires two things—real desire for God's will and a dedication of our lives to carrying out His will. When we can do this we will see the spiritual growth in our own lives. It will mean the linking of our lives with others in the church, a renewed interest in Missions. To

pray, "Thy Kingdom Come" gives a hope that becomes a certainty that God shall reign.

I am sorry that everyone didn't have the privilege of being in the Peter Trutza class on "Believers and Builders in Europe." Mr. Trutza is a Roumanian and speaks very broken English but his life is a real example of Christian sacrifice and love. Mrs. Trutza was Earl Hester, a missionary to Roumania. They told us of the mission work in Spain, Italy, Hungary, Yugoslavia and their own land. We might well feel ashamed of the luxury of our lives when we hear of the thousands in Europe who have nothing. When we hear of how they meet to worship God and how four or five individuals will attempt to build a place in which to Worship Him we must pray that a way will be given to them. We must pray for the missionaries to these people that they will be given the power and strength to win many that the kingdom may come. We can pray also that when Mr. Trutza finishes his work at the Seminary that he and his dear wife may go back to witness for Christ among the people they love.

Every day at Ridgecrest meant meeting new workers for Christ—great people who have dedicated their lives to Him. We heard them talk, we read their books, we saw some of the fruits of their service. When evening came we could lift our eyes to the map of the world and sing—

"Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan;
Above the noise of selfish strife
We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man."

Lucy Reid Burney,
Greenwood, Miss.

BR

If the folks in Washington who are trying to manage the gasoline business mean business when they try to limit the consumption of gasoline, why don't they shut down the filling stations on Sunday? Some years ago when a baseball pitcher made as if he were going to pitch the ball, it was called a "balk," and the batter went to first base. There has been more "balking" among government officials in the past five years than we have ever known, and the enemies of democracy have not only gone to first base, they have pretty nearly gone around the diamond for a home run.

Sorry to miss Dr. Edgar Godbold, Missouri Mission Secretary, on a recent visit to kinsfolk in Mississippi.

Why raise a question about the propriety of allowing Arizona or Southern California full rights of representation in the Southern Baptist Convention? Haven't we been giving this to the District of Columbia which to this day has only 31 churches? Let's be consistent.

Every time a man plants a seed in the ground or plows a furrow he is signing a creed; he is saying, "I believe in God the Father who made a covenant with the human race, saying seed time and harvest shall not fail." When a man is baptized he is signing a creed, saying, "I believe in Jesus Christ who rose from the dead." When one partakes of the Lord's Supper, he signs a creed, for he says, "I believe in the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the atonement which He made for sin." He "proclaims the Lord's death." When he joins the church he signs a creed for he professes before the world his faith in the Son of God. But why have a common creed? Because there is no fellowship unless there is a common faith. A man who opposes creeds and says so is proclaiming his creed, that is what he believes. There's lots of blah-blah in the world.

We have heard that in one of the largest counties in Mississippi it was impossible to break up a den of iniquity where whiskey is sold because the man who runs the joint is a brother-in-law of the deputy sheriff in charge of criminal cases.

Sunday School Department

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More Schools

One of the great needs now is for more Sunday schools. We will never reach the people with the schools we have. Mission schools organized by churches in places where there are people without school opportunity will reach many new people for Bible study.

This statement was recently run in a county paper: "W. A. Turman, who is superintendent of the only Standard Sunday School in Zion Association, at Double Springs, was recently elected district superintendent of Beat 5. He announces that he and other workers met with the people of Old Cumberland community and organized a school enrolling about 50.

"Mr. Turman expects to organize a school within the next few weeks at Wake Forest church at Dancy."

Mrs. C. T. Patterson, Silver City, writes: "The Silver City school plans to organize a mission school about three to five miles away next Sunday. We have made a census and visited homes and done quite a bit of work in different groups. Our Sunday school has sent a bus each Sunday for these people for some time, but after much prayer we have decided that they will respond better in their own community."

And thus it goes. Many missions and new schools have been organized already this year, but we need yet others. The Sunday School Board gives the first quarter's literature free for every new school.

Bon Voyage

Bon Voyage is a program designed as a parting message for the young people of the church who are about to leave for college. It should be presented by the young people's department of the Sunday school, and may take place in the department assembly on Sunday morning. If the pastor thinks wise, the program may be featured in the church auditorium on a Sunday evening. The department superintendent should preside. The program should not require over thirty minutes.

Copies may be secured from the Young People's-Adult Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Congratulations, Purvis

The Purvis school, Rev. D. A. Hogan pastor, and Mr. J. B. Byrd, superintendent, has again joined the Standard group. This is the second year in succession, and the only times in the history of the church that the school has been standard. Thanks.

New Book Credits

A letter from Nashville authorizes the statement that awards will be issued to everyone who completes the study of THE SIX POINT RECORD SYSTEM AND ITS USE, regardless of whether they have credit for the old book or not—the old book referred to being THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY AND THE SIX POINT RECORD SYSTEM.

This is a new book and should be taught in study classes this Fall in many, many schools. People need to know records thoroughly, for it is

our great pupil program. Therefore, plan a class in this new book for your school.

Win Before Promotion

The last Sunday in September is Promotion Day in the Sunday school. Many changes will be made then. How very important that the officers and teachers strive diligently and pray that the lost will be won to Christ before leaving the groups they are now in.

Definite plans for special emphasis here can well be made by the classes and departments in the various meetings held from time to time. Prayer lists should be used; personal contacts made; teach to that end; live for it; study for it; expect results.

But, work to win the lost before the many changes at Promotion Day.

Free Books

During the remainder of 1941 the Sunday School Board will send without charge a copy of any one of the following new books to any pastor who will agree to teach it or have it taught in his church: Junior Sunday School Work; Primary Sunday School Work; The Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School Order from your state Sunday school department.

And More!

The Sunday School Board will also send without charge during the remainder of 1941 a copy of either or both of the following books to any pastor or general superintendent who will agree to teach or have taught either one or both in his church: Building a Standard Sunday School; The Six Point Record System and Its Use.

Order from your state Sunday school department.

More Standards!

We are glad to have the Mantee school on the standard list again after a lapse of some years.

Rev. John W. Cook is the pastor, and Mr. L. L. George is the superintendent.

These Junior classes are also standard; Cheerful Helpers, Liberty, Mrs. Minnie Black, teacher; Good Workers, Mendenhall, Mr. E. B. Ponder, teacher; Doers of the Word, First Picayune, Miss Evelyn Irwin, teacher.

To each of these standard units we extend heartiest congratulations. When you see a standard unit you just know that some fine work has been done. We thank you for this fine help.

Send Them In, Please!

Many, many, many Vacation Bible schools have not yet reported to us. We are so very eager to have a report of every school held in the state this year, but we cannot do it unless you send it in.

Brother pastor, superintendent, principal, please check up on this to see if your report has been sent to us; and if it has not, do so at once.

We shall gladly mail you a regular blank for this, but you may just write us a card and give the church, association, pastor, principal, enrollment, average attendance, number of days the school ran, number of hours each day, with any other good items you have that will be helpful.

How we shall thank you to send them in AT ONCE.

—BR—

"She had a head like a doorknob."

"How's that?"

"Any cad could turn it."

OUR BOYS IN THE ARMY

First let me say that my wife and I enjoy the Record, which reaches us Saturday at eleven, more than we ever did. We are beginning to see what you mean when you suggest that churches send the Record to their men in the service. It is an inspiration to us. Our men also read the denominational papers in the libraries each week. Even the fellows from the other churches read them. It is to us a message from home.

Cochran Field, although manned by mostly southern officers, has a station complement of soldiers from New England and the middle Atlantic states. We have a large group of each of the following: Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Congregationalist, Episcopalian, Baptist, United Brethren and many others in smaller numbers. Catholics equal 34 per cent of the post, most of them coming from New York City.

It was encouraging to me the other day, when, upon the arrival of a train load of recruits—295 in all, I found by religious census that all of them except 19 belonged to a Christian church, which goes to show that there is a religious desire among them for Christian services.

Attendance at the various services is good, about 250 of the 1200 attending services on the post last Sunday—others of almost equal number going in to churches in town. I have never had so great a time doing personal work in my ministry. This morning I had conferences with 22 British cadets who have just arrived from England and Scotland. We are urged to preach whatever we desire, so I just give them the Word.

With appreciation to those who recommended me for the chaplaincy, and best regards to those worked with me during my ministry in Mississippi, and a promise to hold high the banner of our Lord, I am.

Yours in the Master's service.

P. F. HERRING,

1st Lt., Chaplain,

Post Chaplain, U. S. Army Basic Training School Cochran Field
Macon, Ga.

—BR—

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY NEWS

SERVICE

Waco, Texas.

Christian Democracy will be the general theme of cooperating sessions of the Christian Education Conference of the Southern Baptist Education Commission and the Southern Association of Teachers of Bible and Religious Education at Ridgecrest, N. C., August 18 to 21.

Dr. Charles D. Johnson and Dr. L. L. Carpenter, both of Baylor University at Waco, Texas, are presidents of the respective groups and have planned their meeting dates so that members might attend both sessions.

The groups have issued an invitation that educators and laymen interested in the vital question of Christian Democracy attend the sessions and participate in general discussions following the addresses.

GLEN, NEW LIBERTY CHURCH

I had Rev. Joe Cruse and Mr. Robert Moore with me for a meeting at New Liberty in Tishomingo county, beginning on August the third and lasting through the twelfth.

Brother Cruse brought God's message as but few men can, interest was good from the beginning, and increased as the meeting went on.

Brother Moore is a fine young man and a good singer, he not only knows how to sing God's message, but can get the people to sing and like it.

We had 17 additions, 11 by baptism, the church was greatly revived, and the work goes on.

They want full time preaching next year, pray for this little church. They have \$64 in the bank to move their building, and will start soon.

Their contributions, are increasing continually; they have already raised about four times as much as last year, and are happy in the work.

They are praying and striving to become standard in the Sunday School by October.

I am yours in Christ C. C. Perry, Pastor.

—BR—

"Father, what is a counter-irritant?"

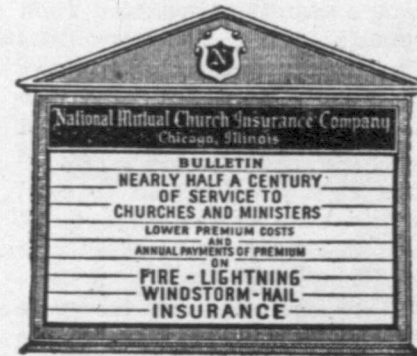
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President W. M. Hamilton,
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The 1941-42 session begins September 9 with "Consultation Day." Registration will be on September 10.

Dr. Elmer F. Haight, professor of Christian History, will deliver the opening faculty address.

There is every promise of another great session, judging by the applications already received.

The Institute has 65 apartments, and up to this time there have been seventy-three families applying.

Some friends are taking a "table guest" for next session, thus aiding a worthy student to secure training for service.

Faculty members have been busy in many ways this summer, serving in revival meetings, encampments, Bible conferences, and on special occasions.

President Hamilton has been on programs in many states of the convention, and rejoices in the great numbers won to Christ and to Christian service in assemblies and encampments.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gambrell, Grand Prairie, Texas, are to be connected next session with B. B. I. Mrs. Gambrell will be in charge of the dining room and Mr. Gambrell will be caretaker.

Dr. James E. Gwatkin has been in the Baptist hospital for several weeks, and has appreciated the prayers and interest of many friends. Just at this time he is showing some improvement.

Many improvements are being made on our buildings. Dr. D. E. Richardson and his helpers are recataloging the library. New lighting and new floors will add greatly to comfort and to appearance.

Our guest book shows many visitors from many churches, and from many points beyond our convention territory. The prayer-room is always the center of interest for those who visit this "School of Providence and Prayer."

We are still praying God to send us students who should come to B. B. I., and to keep from us those who would not honor our Saviour in message and in life. We are far more interested in character than in the number who may come to the Institute.

On one day in July a large company of missionaries left New Orleans for points in South America. Such occasions give Institute students unusual opportunities for knowing the workers and for prayerfully seeing them off as they sail for foreign fields.

Possibly our greatest burden, even beyond that of debt, is our inability to extend a little needed aid to capable and deserving young men and women who want to come to the Baptist Bible Institute. Other great needs are a fire-proof library building and endowment. Remember B. B. I. in your will.

—BR—

The bride of a few weeks noticed that her husband was depressed.

"Gerald, dearest," she said, "I know something is troubling you, and I want you to tell me what it is. Your worries are not your worries now, they are our worries."

"Oh, very well," he said. "We've just had a letter from a girl in New York, and she's suing us for breach of promise."

A MEXICAN REVIVAL

Our Mexican mission, organized in the Delta near Morgan City about eighteen months ago, has just closed its first revival. Rev. Paul Bell preached twice every day for eight days, preaching in Spanish. He gave us a series of the best Spanish revival sermons I ever heard.

Pastor C. J. Clander and deacon S. A. Thompson made all necessary preparations for the revival well in advance. They secured a bus and truck to bring the Mexican families from five miles north and south. They also erected a brush arbor for the day services, while the night services were held in the recently completed Morgan City Baptist church building.

We began the meetings in high gear, and continued throughout the week with constantly increasing congregations and growing interest. Fourteen candidates for baptism were received, with more expected soon to follow. The climax was reached last night. The church was filled to capacity, with many chairs in the aisles.

These Mexicans had never before witnessed a New Testament baptism. That occasion was for them a revelation, an object lesson they will long remember. The many Americans present could not understand Spanish, yet what they saw and felt greatly moved them. It was a joyous occasion for all.

Rev. Paul Bell is liberally educated, speaks Spanish fluently and accurately, and has had valuable experience in Spanish mission work in Texas. Better still, he is industrious and pious, a great soul winner and master builder. He plans to spend the rest of his life in Spanish work in the Panama Canal Zone, with Balboa as headquarters. He goes about the first of December, as a missionary under our Home Mission Board. The prayers of many good people will surely follow him.

J. G. CHASTAIN,
Lexington, Miss.

—BR—

MORE NAVY CHAPLAINS TO BE APPOINTED

By Alfred Carpenter
Superintendent of Camp Work,
Home Mission Board

The two-ocean Navy, together with the steady increase of volunteer enlistment causes the Navy Department to be anxious that the spiritual needs of these men be adequately met by properly qualified chaplains. On December 2 and 3 there will be another examination for the candidates to the regular Navy Chaplains Corps. Some qualifications are: ages 24-33, both college and theological degrees and rigid physical examination. They will need ecclesiastical endorsement from their respective denominations.

The Naval Reserve Chaplaincy is also a much needed field especially for temporary service. Fifty reserves are needed immediately. The age limit here extends to 43.

Either of these fields offers an opportunity of sacrificial service to our most capable preachers. Our churches and pastors should make this a matter of prayer.

—BR—

"Which travels faster — heat or cold?"

"Heat, because you can catch cold easily."

SS AND BTU ATTENDANCE

For Sunday, August 24th

Church	SS	BTU
Jackson Calvary	770	125
Ackerman	109	
Richton	152	70
Bucatanua	43	
Burnsville	57	
Knox	54	
Cross Roads	57	
Grenada First	285	
Vardaman	75	
Gillsburg	103	

—BR—

NEW ARMY CHAPELS HAVE BUSY PROGRAM

By Alfred Carpenter
Superintendent of Camp Work,
Home Mission Board

New chapels being built by the Government throughout the continent in the camps and posts will see few idle hours. Their doors will be wide open to the men in service.

Here is a brief outline of their weekly program: On Sunday morning there will be three services, Jewish, Catholic, and what the Army calls Protestant. Through the balance of the day there will be Bible classes and vesper services with one outstanding evangelistic service at night.

Monday night is given to instruction and open forum groups. Tuesday night the civilian groups from nearby churches will have charge. Wednesday night will come religious teaching of some type. Thursday night there will be mid-week prayer meetings and group singing. Friday night is reserved for different types of denominational emphasis, and Saturday night for special programs of music, group singing or choir rehearsing.

These night services or activities are only a part of the program, as the chapels will be used daily for religious services such as special holidays for the Jews, Catholics and other Christians, Vacation Bible school classes, denominational group meetings, lectures on citizenship and moral training when based upon religious principles. Then there are the funerals, marriages and numerous other functions.

The well-developed program will be interspersed with hours for prayer, meditation and devotion by smaller groups.

—BR—

Joe, the sailor, had broken with his girl. After ignoring several letters, requesting the return of her photograph, he received one threatening to complain to the captain.

Deciding to silence her for the time, he borrowed all the pictures of girls available on the ship, sending them to her in a large bundle with the following note: "Pick yours out; I've forgotten what you look like!"

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WHY CHRISTIAN HOSPITALS?

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

Why do we have Christian hospitals? I believe we should have them. One reason is that the sick should be offered a place to be treated in a Christian atmosphere, both those who can pay and those who cannot. Another reason is that the churches may have a place where they can care for their indigent members at the cost of such care, without anyone making a profit. I regard this as a fundamental reason—that the churches may have a hospital for their indigent members.

Churches, however, rarely can be persuaded to care for their indigent sick. An experience of more than a quarter of a century has shown me it is extremely rare that a church will assume responsibility for the hospital expense of one of its own members: though they are not at all backward in asking someone else to bear such expense. A few days ago we had an application for admitting a poor man who certainly needed hospitalization, and in answer to my letter addressed to the pastor, he wrote: "I do not know just what to tell you in regard to Mr. Blank, except that our church has no money that it can use for his hospital expenses. I have inquired of several of my members and none of them is willing for our church to become responsible for any expense at this time."

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THE CONVERSION OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK

By Sam Lee (K. S. Lee)

From The Watchman-Examiner

(The author of the following article is a Chinese business man who left a prosperous career to develop a plan to bring the Gospel to his countrymen by radio. See the last paragraph of his article. The plan is wholly Chinese, being originated and supported by them.—The Editor.)

Although I have lived in China for the past twenty-five years, having been present at the wedding of Chiang Kai-Shek thirteen years ago, and also having dined as his guest, I had only a hazy idea of how this great leader of China became a Christian until recently in New York City I had the good fortune to learn from the Rev. Kiang Chen Chun, the pastor who baptized Chiang, the actual story of his conversion.

Remarkable conversions of remarkable people have been recorded down through the ages, but the story of the acceptance of Christ by a real ruler of five hundred million Chinese souls, at a time when their homes and country were being devastated, shows in a remarkable way the mighty hand of God in human history. In such time as the present, that God provide such a leader for the people of China to lead them through the valley of death can be no coincidence, but clear revelation of divine Providence in a day of spiritual revolt. Someone has said that the conversion of Chiang is the most important event in the Christian annal since the time of the Emperor Constantine; only time can reveal the importance of this crucial historical event.

Pastor Kiang's Story

"One night in 1928," said the Rev. Kiang Chen Chun, "I dreamed a dream. Chiang Kai-Shek sat at my right hand and his wife at my left as we motored along a broad boulevard. Over our laps was spread a single steamer rug of a deep green color to protect us from the wind. Suddenly I awoke and found that I had only been dreaming. Later when I told my wife of the incident, I disavowed my belief in any actual significance of dreams.

"About three months afterward, I received an urgent telegram from Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, asking me to come to Nanking immediately. I arrived there early the next morning to learn that Madame wanted me, as a good friend of the family, to talk to her husband about his personal salvation and, if possible, to arrange for him to be baptized into the Christian church. He was unable to see me until about four in the afternoon because of his many official duties, and even then there were so many distractions that Madame suggested we might go out for a ride as we talked. Three motor cars were called, the center car for us and the first and the third for his bodyguards.

"As we entered the car, the Generalissimo insisted that I sit in the middle placing his wife at my left, and himself at my right. Up to this time I had forgotten entirely about the dream. But just before closing the door, the servant spread a steamer rug over our laps; its same exact deep green color caught my attention and then at once I recalled my dream of three months before.

"As we motored along Madame

Chiang urged her husband to accept Christ and to be formally baptized into the Christian faith saying, "Our friend, Pastor Kiang, is going to America soon and will be gone for many months." The Generalissimo refused to be pressed into the Christian church so hurriedly, replying, "I have just finished reading the New Testament for the second time, and am now going to begin to read the Old Testament. I want to learn more about this Christian faith before I publicly accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour." After we had conversed further, I finally agreed with him and suggested that he study the Bible faithfully while I was gone and that I would be glad to receive him into the church upon my return. I then took my leave, returning to Shanghai and continuing to America for the Methodist Conference.

"While I was in America, a civil war broke out in China between a certain war-lord and the Central Government. During the fighting one day, Chiang was trapped by his enemies near Kaifeng, being almost completely surrounded. In this desperate situation, he prayed to God for deliverance, pledging that he would publicly acknowledge Jesus Christ as his Lord after the Lord had delivered him. God did answer his prayer by sending a very heavy snow storm which was unusual in this time of year, so that his enemies could not advance any nearer. In the meantime his reinforcement came from Nanking by rail, thereby not only sparing his own life, but turning a certain defeat into a victory.

"Upon my return from America, I was asked to baptize this leader of China into the Christian faith. This was in the fall of 1928. His subsequent growth in Christian grace is well known to the world. Of all the people who have influenced this man's life for Christ, it is without any doubt his mother-in-law, Madame Soong, who has been most helpful. He has followed her advice to read the Bible and to pray every morning; his constant morning devotion has changed him from being a Chinese politician to a Christian statesman of the world. Upon his leadership hung the destiny of five hundred million Chinese people, one-fourth of the human race; and through his inspiring, godly sacrificial work, China has unflinchingly resisted this ruthless invasion for more than three years."

The Kidnapping of Chiang-Kai-Shek

In December, 1936, Chiang was kidnapped by one of his friends and political enemies. At that time he had lost every personal belonging and from his captors he asked only one thing—a copy of the Bible. The following is a portion of the message he sent to the Methodist Conference which met in China in 1937:

"I have been a Christian for nearly ten years, and during that time I have been a constant reader of the Bible. Never before had this sacred book been so interesting to me as during my two weeks' captivity in Sian. This unfortunate affair took place all of a sudden and I found myself placed under detention without having a single earthly belonging. From my captors I asked but one thing—a copy of the Bible. In my solitude I had ample opportu-

ity for reading and meditation. The greatness of the love of Christ burst upon me with new inspiration, increasing my strength to struggle against evil, to overcome temptation, and to uphold righteousness."

Recent Prayer by Chiang Kai-Shek

Recently this leader of China has shown a marvelous prayer life. One evening Chiang and a Canadian friend were together during a terrible air raid in Shunking. When the raid had passed Chiang asked the Canadian to join him and his wife for the evening devotion. In his great amazement, this Canadian friend wrote to the newspapers in Canada as follows:

"The Generalissimo first began by reading some Scripture, then prayed with a simple expression of thanks for their safety. Then he added added thanks for the courage of the nation under fire. Then he prayed for strength for the men in the field and along the firing lines; and he prayed for strength for himself, and added a most earnest plea for guidance and wisdom, that he should not fail the people.

"But the most amazing thing in his prayer was the plea that God would help him, and help China not to hate the Japanese people. He prayed for the Japanese Christians and all the suffering multitudes of Japanese whose impoverishment was making this war on China possible. He prayed, too, for the people who were bombed and for the forgiveness for those who dropped the bombs.

In the simplest and humblest terms he laid himself at the service of the Almighty God, and he begged that he might know the Divine Will, and do it on the morrow.

"Here I have met the world's first two Christians."

Christians everywhere need to pray for this leader of China so that God will sustain this faithful Christian in his hour of trial with fire.

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S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 17, 1941

	SS	BTU
Newton	170	20
Kreole	100	48
Mountain Creek	68	43
Northside-Jackson	95	
Eastside-Jackson	23	
Spanish Fort	51	
Clear Branch Rankin	88	
Morton (Springfield)	133	
Double Springs	85	
Ackerman	125	
Elim	56	
Crosby	78	
Meridian Highland	194	
Morrison Chapel	177	
Ecu	137	

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Neighbor: "So your husband has gotten a job at last."

Mrs. Brown: "Yes, he has. It's hard work and he says it's killing him, but thank goodness it's permanent."

RECENT MEETINGS

The third week in July 1, was with Bro. Hardee Kennedy and his people, the Pachuta church. Bro. Kennedy brought the messages and they were of the highest order. The Lord very graciously blessed our efforts. There was a goodly number added to the church. Bro. Kennedy is doing a great work here. There is a group of fine young people here so consecrated to the Lord that they are real joy to the pastor.

July 27 to Aug. 7, it was my joy and privilege to be with Dr. J. C. Miles and the church at Eagleville, Tenn., as preacher and singer. The congregations were large and the spirit was fine. Many of the Christians were revived and few were added to the church for baptism. It was my privilege to be with these good people for two weeks last year and it was a real joy to be with them again this year.

Aug. 11-15 Dr. Slater Murphy of New Orleans and I were with that princely man of God, Dr. J. E. Wills and his church at Louin. The preaching was fine and true to the Word. Many of the Christians seemed to be revived and several of the lost were saved and united with the church.

At this writing I am preaching and singing in a two weeks meeting in Cox Creek, Ky. Bro. Andy Tate who has been pastor in Lebanon Junction, Ky., near here, for eleven years has resigned as pastor of this church to go to one of the churches in Cartersville, Ga. Bro. Tate has done a real great work in Lebanon Junction.

Yours for the glory of God.

JOE CANZONERI

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MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children,

Do you hear those school bells ringing, those wagons rolling by piled high with cotton, those gins running with a quick "chug-chug-chug"; do you smell those new print dresses, and have you noticed how the stores are featuring tablets, pencils, ink, wax crayons, school scissors, book satchels, and note books in their windows and shelves? Have you even joined in that back-to-school parade? Well, if you have, I hope it all reminds you that it is also the time of the year when the Baptist Bible Institute again opens its doors, and many young men and young women enter them to spend another nine months in preparation for Jesus Christ's service. Among these, we hope to be represented by one of the very best. We do not yet know who our student will be, but we have been making our preparations all summer so that when school opens, we would be ready to help.

I hope before you go skipping off to school that you will remember "our girl" at B. B. I. and that you will send your offering so that she will have enough to really help in paying her tuition and board. I hope, too, that we will think of this as an opportunity to do good, and make use of it. I can't mention our scholarship without in the same breath reminding you of our boys and girls at the orphanage. These two objects, the B. B. I. scholarship and the orphanage, are Children's Circle "pets." We invite every one of you to share in the blessings that come from having a part in these.

With love,
Mrs. Frances Steele.

BIBLE STUDY STORIES FROM THE LIVES OF BIBLE HEROES JOSEPH INTERPRETS DREAMS

While Joseph was in prison, two of the servants of Pharaoh were thrown into prison. The chief butler, the man who served wine to the king, and the chief baker, the one who had charge of cooking the king's food, offended Pharaoh, and he punished them by putting them in prison. The keeper of the prison placed them under Joseph's care.

One morning Joseph noticed that the faces of the chief butler and the chief baker were sad and downcast. They told him that they had both had dreams in the night and they had no one to tell them the meanings of them. Joseph asked, "Do not interpretations belong to God?" and he invited them to tell him their dreams, believing that God would enable him to interpret them. The chief butler told him that in his dream he thought he saw a grapevine which had three branches on it. He thought he had Pharaoh's cup in his hand and that he took some of the grapes and squeezed the juice in the cup and gave it to Pharaoh to drink. Joseph told him that the branches meant three days; that the dream meant that in three days Pharaoh would take him out of prison, give him back his place in the palace, and that he would again serve Pharaoh as he had done before. Then Joseph asked him to remember him when he stood before Pharaoh, and speak to Pharaoh about him that he might be taken out of prison, since he was stolen out of his own country and cast into prison unjustly.

The baker seeing that the butler's dream had a good interpretation told his dream also. He said that he thought that he had three baskets on his head, one on top of another, and in the top basket were all kinds of cooked meats for Pharaoh, and the birds flew down and ate the meats out of the basket. Joseph told him the meaning of his dream. He said that in three days the king would hang him on a tree and the birds would eat his flesh.

The dreams came true as Joseph

had said. In three days, the king had a birthday, and he gave a great feast for all his servants. On that day he took the baker out of prison and had him hanged, and he took the butler out and gave him back his position as chief butler in the palace. Yet the chief butler, even though he served wine to Pharaoh and had many chances to speak a good word for Joseph that might help him get out of prison, did not remember Joseph. He forgot all the kindnesses that Joseph had done for him when he was in prison.

But God did not forget Joseph. He had a use for him.

"I CAME TO SEE YOU"

A business man sat in his office talking to a friend. Presently they heard little feet walking, half skipping, coming toward them. Beyond the door they saw a dainty little five-year-old girl, fresh, eager, expectant. The business man smiled with twinkling eyes at his friend and laid down the pencil in his hand to greet his little guest.

With a "Hey, Daddy!" she sidled up to him.

"Hey, Sweetheart!" he answered in kind.

Silence for a minute as she came closer and he put his arm around her; then, "What did you come for, baby?"

"I came to see you, Daddy," was the prompt reply.

Another pause, and the father asked again, "Didn't you come for some ice cream?"

Again the reply, "I just came to see you, Daddy," with affectionate eyes looking directly into his.

"You could use some ice cream, couldn't you, sister?" he insisted.

Dimpling and smiling, she agreed, "Yes, sir! I could use some ice cream."

It was hard to tell as they walked away together, hand in hand, to get the desired ice cream, which was more pleased, the little daughter or the proud father.

I think this is a small illustration of the relationship between the Heavenly Father and His children. When they go to Him, just because they love Him, just because they want to be near Him, just to sit in His presence and to listen to Him speak to their hearts, not only do they receive the blessing which they seek, but they receive material and physical needs as well. I think He is so pleased because of the love which prompts the desire to be near Him that it is His joy to see that His children shall not want any good thing.

Meridian, Mississippi
August 22, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

Here are the answers to Frances Mary Bridges' questions in the Baptist Record for this week: 1. Sixty-six. 2. Thirty-nine. 3. Twenty-seven. 4. Moses. 5. John. 6. Paul. 7. By grace through faith in Christ. 8. To be studied and obeyed. 9. "Save thyself." "Remember me." 10. "Father forgive them" and "Lay not this sin to their charge." Inclosed find one dollar to be used as most needed. I enjoy reading the Children's Circle and ask God's blessings on all.

Sincerely,
Mrs. M. Rainer.

Mrs. Rainer, we are glad to have these good answers. Also, we are very glad to have your generous contribution. We thank you and shall divide it equally between the scholarship and the orphanage.—F. L. S.

Pinola, Mississippi
August 23, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

We are sorry that we waited so long to write. The pastor of Strong River Baptist Church is Rev. Guy A. Little. We had our revival July twenty-seventh and had a mighty

fine meeting. Enclosed you will find fifty cents to be sent to the Baptist Orphanage. We are the Beginners and Primary class of Strong River Baptist Sunday school. Here are our names:

Connie May Lee, Travis Lee, Mary Lois Lee, Max Little, Shelton Little, Joyce Little, Nancy Morris, Garnett G. Bishop, May Joe Williams, S. B. Bishop, J. W. Lee, Whitten Lee, Gena Farmer, Fay Farmer, Patsy Farmer and Sam Hanson.

Thank you, boys and girls, for this donation which you are sending to care for our boys and girls at the orphanage. It wouldn't ever do to forget to help them, would it? We appreciate the interest of all sixteen of you, and know there must be a fine teacher to thank, too.—F. L. S.

Union Ridge Baptist Church
Noxapater, Mississippi
August 21, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am nine years old and will be in the fifth grade. Our school begins Monday. I go to Sunday school almost every Sunday. Our superintendent gave me a nice Bible last Christmas for getting my lessons up well and best attendance. We had our meeting in July. Brother Estes from Clinton helped in it. We received eleven members. We had our Daily Vacation Bible School the week we had our meeting and I surely did enjoy it.

Yours truly,

Maxine Bridges.

I know you are proud of that gift Bible, Maxine, especially since it means good work on your part. That is a record worth keeping.—F. L. S.

Lorman, Mississippi
August 22, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

This is the second time for me to write to the Children's Circle, and I hope my letter will miss the waste basket. When I was seven years old I gave my life to Jesus and as I grow older I can understand more and more how I can live for Him. I hope to be baptized Sunday. I have attended two Bible schools this summer. We had a revival last week. I am happy and I want to make others happy too. I am sending five cents. You can use it as you see fit.

Your little girl friend,

Vannie Rae Cain.

Vannie Rae, may you continue to be happy in your Christian life. Accepting Jesus is the most important thing anybody can do. Thank you for your offering. We will use it to swell the scholarship fund.—F. L. S.

Florence, Mississippi
August 25, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele,

Please find inclosed one dollar, our offering for August. Fifty cents for our orphanage and fifty cents for our B. B. I. girl.

With best wishes for the circle, we are sincerely,

Intermediate Girls of Steen's
Creek Sunday School,
Miriam May, Reporter.

Miriam, an Intermediate class of girls of our church had a weiner roast last night. From all reports they had a good time. We'd like to hear about some of your good times together. We continue to be exceedingly grateful for your gifts to our two causes. Thank you every one.—F. L. S.

Hazlehurst, Mississippi
August 26, 1941

My dear Mrs. Steele and circle friends,

Just a word of thanks to one and all who were so kind in sending me the song and also the papers. I have sent each one a card but I want to thank you again. I have enjoyed the papers so much, and I have received four copies of the song. Mrs. Steele, I am sending what little I can. You use it as you see fit.

With thanks and with love,

Leta Mae Lupo.

Miss Leta Mae, your gift is certainly appreciated. Since it is almost time for the B. B. I. to open, I think I'll add your offering to the scholarship fund. Thank you lots.—F. L. S.

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A NATION'S GREATNESS

Herman Rauschnig, former associated of Adolf Hitler, and lately living in exile in London, has written another book entitled "The Redemption of Democracy" which Americans will do well to read.

"A nation," says he, "that loses its belief in greatness, that sagely restricts itself to what is possible remaining completely skeptical of great feelings and sacrifices and contenting itself with intelligent enjoyment of the material good things of life, ceases to be a power in the making of history."

It is well, as we approach the anniversary of our national independence, to examine our claims to greatness and our present attitudes toward that greatness.

God, in his gracious providence, planted this nation in a section of the world where unlimited natural resources awaited the mind and hand of man to convert them into the material wealth that makes for a certain greatness. At the same time, by interposing two great oceans, he barred the way to our involvement in age-old quarrels which would have distracted our people from the development of the material wealth of the continent. He sent a national savior who, through travail and sorrow, welded the nation into one, instead of permitting it to be divided into many contending states.

But our national greatness does not reside alone in our multitude of automobiles, telephones, radios or oil wells, nor in our superb isolation nor in our national unity.

There was given to our forefathers an ideal. It came about the time Europe, too, was laboring to bring forth a new form of government to replace the feudal slavery with which she had been blighted for centuries. On our side of the Atlantic, that ideal took possession of a comparatively small group of men and women. Here was a higher, more magnificent greatness than that of vast material possessions. For it had the attribute of sacrifice and of service. Did not the Master say that "he that would be greatest must be the servant?"

Master minds and consecrated hearts seized upon the ideal of human liberty and, through tremendous effort and supreme sacrifice, evolved a form of government which was great in its guaranties of freedom and justice and right. If America has been great in its material wealth, it has been greater in its ideals of democracy.

But even this is not its greatest greatness. Back behind the declaration of human liberties and their expression in the Constitution of the United States, history records a long and dangerous voyage of a few stout hearts. It was religious liberty that they were seeking for themselves and their children. Far greater than the greatness of material wealth, greater than the greatness of a noble humanitarian ideal is the supreme greatness of a consuming fervor for the true worship of God in Christ Jesus. Let it never be forgotten that Plymouth Rock is another Bethel in the long reach of human aspiration toward the Almighty, a sacred altar to the reality and presence of God.

It is true that there came to be evidences of some fanaticism here and there, a Puritanism that lost sight occasionally of the goodness and

mercy of the Lord. Even so, the moral fiber of our citizenship which can be woven only on the loom of faith in God and Christ has constituted the greatness of our nation that is the greatest of all her achievements.

It is this which has characterized the frontiersman who moved out of comfort and security to develop a new world. It is this which has made beautiful beyond description the brow of the pioneer mother. It is this which has lifted church spires everywhere, emblems of free and unrestrained human aspiration to know more of God and point others to His Son. It is this moral strength which has nerved the nation to submerge its private interests in times of national crises in the greater common good.

We shall be foolish indeed if, as we analyze our greatness as a nation, we fail to observe the secret of our achievements. The cynic will remark that God has been lost sight of by multitudes. Quite true—and herein lies our most serious fear. We have our vast resources. We have our love of human liberty. Are we as true to our Christian principles as our forefathers have been?

A nation is but a composite of the individuals who compose it. Its ideals and principles are but the reflection of the dominant ideals and principles of its citizens. If it seeks to impose ideals, be they ever so high, different from those of its people, it departs from the way of democratic government.

If it would sell its right to achievement for a mess of pottage of safety and security, if it would barter its privilege of serving all the world for a military program of self service and self satisfaction, it has lost "its belief in greatness."

We believe in the greatness of America, her true greatness which resides in her moral strength founded upon personal faith in God and surrender to the Lord Jesus. We shall not cease to proclaim that quality as the supreme attribute of her pre-eminence. No program or plan or system or regime shall be to us a substitute for this.

We declare our independence for Christ and his gospel and an even greater America saturated by His principles of life.

—BR—

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

For Sunday, August 31st

	SS	BTU
Newton	209	57
Cross Roads	84	
Bruce	102	
Bucatanua	55	
Poplar Springs (Meridian)	92	
Bethlehem (Jones)	54	66
Vardaman	90	
Crosby	86	
Crystal Springs	301	104
Double Springs	54	
Hernando	84	
Corinth	244	
Burnsville	31	
Vicksburg First	379	126
Columbus First	450	
Northside Jackson	106	
Columbus Calvary	64	
Heuck's Retreat	91	
Lucedale	105	
Meridian Highland	193	
Ackerman	125	
Crosby	115	
Grenada First	331	
Hattiesburg Immanuel	103	

HARVEST SEASON

I was with Brother W. F. Gunn in a meeting at Johnson Station beginning the second Sunday in July and some of the finest people in Pike county live here. This is one of the old churches in the southern part of the state. Some of the land marks live there. We had a great meeting and for the number of people in the neighborhood we have large crowds both day and night. Brother Gunn is the popular pastor and he shoots a rifle and directly at folks. He gets good results. Brother Gunn is one of our finest men and preachers.

We had Brother Bishop of Friendship with us in our meeting at Silver Creek in Pike county. This is our afternoon appointment and quite a large church. We had a great meeting. Brother Bishop is a great exponent of the word of God and it has its effect. We had some twenty-five for baptism and additions otherwise. It was a most satisfactory meeting in every way.

I was with Brother Mack Hughes in a meeting at Line Creek, south of Morton, Miss., and was a mighty meeting. This was the first church that ever called this pastor, no I did not say how long ago, but it was the first one. I call it my first love. Mrs. Cooper was a member of that church and I succeeded in getting at least one to believe in me. Here we met friends of other years and so great was this meeting of them to me. This renewed friends and fellowship. How the church has prospered since I left it. How they have grown since I went away. There were few additions to the church. It had been some twenty-two years since I was there in a meeting and how we did enjoy it.

Brother Hughes is a great preacher and a good leader and stands high in the estimation of his folks. He is a prince of a man. Then we were with Brother E. C. Horton of Eudora in a meeting. This church is located near the Dam that is being built and sixteen hundred people are at work on it. Brother Horton has the situation well in hand and we had great crowds at all services. There were some twenty-five additions to the church, mostly for baptism.

Brother Horton is a splendid preacher and a good leader and the church is prospering under his leadership.

This is the church of which Brother Charles Dockery, Sr., is a member and is very prominent in the work of it. Giving his time and ability to it. His wife has for years gathered the colored young people on her back porch every Saturday afternoon and taught them the Bible and fine stories. This has had its effect on the whole race about there. Also Charles, Jr., is a fine product of the grace of God. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and has spent a session in Moody Institute and is to return soon for another session. His wife is with him and is an inspiration to him as they plan and work together. He is planning to be a Kingdom worker some where in the country. My home while there was with the pastor and his wife. They are real pals and workers and can think of so many things that are to be done and then do them. Their home is a Christian one and full of interest. Their fine boys with their

We pass the following fine letter along to you:

"I am glad to grant your request if it will mean anything to the cause of Christ in our state.

The spirit of giving self and the spirit of giving possessions is the self-same spirit. Some time ago I started pleading with our people to give themselves. The chairman of the board of deacons and members of the Brotherhood began pleading with the members to give in our church. A large percentage of our people have gone to tithing, almost doubling our collections which has enabled us not only to pay our church debt without the slightest hint of a drive, but to increase our gifts to the Co-operative Program and other state and Southwide objects, and to do a good bit of community mission work. We are able to do a good bit of emergency relief work which gives the church definite praise and glory that has been given to individuals heretofore.

To illustrate the spirit that now prevails I will give definite instances. The Sunday School superintendent came to church one morning telling of one he had led to a confession in his dentist's chair. That morning he had walked up and down certain streets of our town looking out the children who should be in Sunday School and he said he was going to attend the Sunday afternoon mission preaching service over on the highway. The teacher of the college young men's class talks to every one about Christ who comes to his office wanting a job to work his way through school. He brought at midnight a disturbed young man to the pastor's home for consultation and prayer. An officer in the Adult department who is high school superintendent asked if a certain young lady had professed during the holidays. He had talked to her about Christ and the church. A member of the Bible Class asked if another had come during the holidays and when told that she did not, he said he would go out in the country and get her next Sunday so that she could publicly confess Christ. Members of the Brotherhood are working the pastor hard doing follow up work. It is not an unusual thing to have weeping during song services, and is very ordinary to have many come at the close of the services weeping, pledging themselves to do personal work and visiting during the next week. The W. M. U. has divided our town up into zones for visiting and doing of personal work and to find physical needs that need ministering to. They think it right to read, pray, and explain as well as give money, clothes, and fuel. They have Gospels of John to distribute as they go. Truly God's Spirit is among us."

For His Glory,

W. E. GREENE

Ellisville, Miss.

wives spent the week-end with them and we enjoyed them greatly.

The meeting closed on Sunday night with a capacity house and many standing on the outside just as attentive as those on the inside.

We greatly enjoyed the meetings of the summer and are now ready for the task that confronts us here in goodly Tylertown.

Truly and in Christ.

W. R. COOPER

THE UNIFIED BUDGET AND THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Unified Budget is the ideal plan for a church of medium size and means, and the Cooperative Program has proved to be the best plan thus far suggested for carrying on our denominational work. The reason for this is that it recognizes every cause included in our denominational work, such causes being based on the work that Jesus did when he was here in the flesh. The division of the money is decided by those who have every interest at heart, and who would see every cause have its share of the whole amount. These divisions do not suit every one, but the majority find them equitable. Those who find them contrary to their best judgment, and do not want to sacrifice their will, have a perfect right to designate any offering made, with the assurance that every penny will go to that object. All money should be sent through the office of Brother McCall, however, so that full credit to the church will show on the books in his office. Money sent direct to, say the Orphanage, or to the Foreign Mission Board does not show to your credit on the books in the office of Brother McCall, hence when the report comes out in the Baptist Record or at the Association the money you have sent direct is not shown. Why not then let all go through the regular channel so that a complete report can be made by our Board.

We repeat that the best plan is for a church to have a budget, this budget to be divided between local and denominational work, enlisting every member if possible to subscribe to the budget. If your church has a budget and divides the funds on a 75% and 25% basis, 75% kept at home for pastors salary and other local expenses, and 25% sent to Brother McCall's office, each dollar you, as an individual, give will be divided as shown in the following diagram.

LOCAL WORK 75c:	
Foreign Missions	5c
Home Missions	2 1-3c
Seminaries	1 1-3c
Ministers' Relief and—	
Annuity	1c
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Total	10c
State Missions	6 1-4c
Denominational Colleges	6 1-4c
Orphanage	1 1-2c
Ministireal Education	3-4c
Miss. Baptist Hospital	1-4c
Total	15c

Now check your own giving for the past year.

Now check your own giving in the matter of denominational support. Now ask yourselves the question, am I satisfied with that record? Is my Master satisfied with it? Do you not, as an individual, think you would like to have a regular part in ALL the work? Then try to get your church to operate on the budget plan, and if you do not succeed in this, you as an individual, can have a part by seeing that your church treasurer sends a certain per cent of your regular offering to Brother McCall to be used in ALL the work, through the Cooperative Program. You will be happy in the thought that you are, as far as it is possible, carrying out the Lord's command to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." Mark

WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

There is a decided upturn in revival interest on the part of many of our people if attendance is any indication. Crowds have overflowed the houses of worship in all but two of my summer meetings.

Helped Rev. D. W. Moulder in his home church, Lorena. Rains hindered some but great crowds came in spite of the inclement weather. Brother Moulder is a great soul and has real pastor's heart.

Rev. G. Henderson is the good pastor at Hot Coffee, Calhoun Church. The good people have had a struggle there but they are winning through. Visitors from Laurel, Mt. Olive, Collins, Taylorsville, Raleigh and other surrounding towns and churches attended many of our services.

Concord Church in Yazoo County, where my father was ordained to the ministry many years ago, was my next engagement. Pastor Robert L. Martin, a home boy, is carrying on in a fine way. Polio, the scourge of the South, had raised his ugly head in Yazoo County and kept our crowds down. No babies or small children came to the services. This kept away many of the adults also. Other revivals about us were cancelled but we finished the meeting. Maybe another one this late fall. A very peculiar experience is to go through a revival with no children under 12 or 13 in the audience. How they were missed! No babies in hell, No! Never before did we have the faintest idea what they mean to us until this experience.

Am now in a revival at Polkville. Rev. D. W. Moulder is also pastor here. Seven school buses, besides many cars, bring the crowds. Nine additions thus far. House packed each morning with the school children attending in a body. Had the delightful pleasure of seeing my youngest child, a son, make his profession of faith in the Lord. He will unite with the church on his return home. The church house has not held the crowds at a single night service. Pray for us.

M. E. Perry,
Convention Board Evangelist.

IN TALLAHATCHIE

Friendship church in west Tallahatchie County, is rejoicing over the results of a series of evangelistic services in which the pastor, Rev. J. H. Pennebaker had the assistance of Rev. N. J. Lee of Wiggins, Miss. The meeting continued from August 10 through August 15 and resulted in the reception of 28 members for Baptism and two under watchcare. The membership of the church cooperated in true Christian spirit, and the house was filled to capacity every night. Brother Lee brought messages of inspiration and help at every service. The church is in fine condition and is looking forward to the future with confidence and hope. Just prior to the beginning of the meeting a three-room addition was constructed at the rear of the church building, a porch was added to the front, and the entire structure was given one coat of paint. Another is to be put on right away. All of the labor in repairing the church was donated by the members, and with

16:15. Now read Leviticus 27:30-34—Malachi 3:10.

By A. J. WILDS

REVIVAL MEETINGS

Our revival at Wesson was successful and genuine. There were 13 additions to the church, six by baptism. Dr. S. H. Jones, of Brookhaven, First Church, preached for us and Brother James Fairchild led the singing.

At Goss, eight miles north of Columbia, I preached in the meeting and Brother W. C. Morgan, of Bay St. Louis, conducted the music. On the whole, we had the best response I have seen this summer. There were 13 additions to the church, 10 by baptism. Brother J. O. Chappell, of Columbia, is the pastor. Brother Chappell is a man whom the ministry of Mississippi should know.

Hopewell Baptist Church, near Bude, was the next field of my revival labors. The church, we all think, was much revived, but there were no additions to the church. Brother Prentiss Young, of Roxie, is the beloved and devoted pastor.

My last meeting was with Brother R. A. Langley at Bethesda, six miles west of Terry. Brother Langley is one of the most able and consecrated pastors in Mississippi. I have known him since our days together in Mississippi College. We experienced a real revival and the Lord added to the church seven, six by baptism and one by letter. Brother Owen Williams, Jr., led the singing. I was very happy to be associated with Brother Williams because he is worth knowing, but especially because he is to be with us at Wesson on the faculty of Copiah-Lincoln this next year.

I feel blessed that I have been used of the Lord in a small way during the summer. The biggest meeting, in many respects, however, is going to be about the first of September when the students arrive here from their several localities to pursue their studies and be trained for living.

MARK LOWRY.

Ship's Officer: "Oh, there goes eight bells; excuse me, it's my watch below."

The Lady: "My! Fancy your watch striking as loud as that!"

the exception of the cost of the roofing all the lumber and material used was contributed by the members themselves.

Just before the baptismal service last Sunday afternoon, August 24, three young people presented themselves for membership on profession of faith and followed their Lord in baptism, with the 28 who had been received in the meeting.

In Brazil community, eight miles from Sumner, a most successful revival was concluded August 24. Services were held in the auditorium of the comparatively new school house for eight days, with both morning and evening services, and the room was filled practically every night. The pastor had the assistance of Rev. B. S. Hilbun, of Soso, who has recently gone into full time evangelistic work. Bro. Hilbun is truly a man of God, a preacher of power, and a tireless worker. Any pastor is indeed fortunate to secure him for a series of services. The visible results of the meeting were 14 received for baptism and 12 by statement or letter. Organized less than a year ago, the Brazil church now has a membership of 45, and plans are rapidly taking shape for the construction of a commodious church building.

J. H. Pennebaker.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS WITH THE BUDGET PLAN

By Louie D. Newton
Pastor Druid Hills Church, Atlanta

In 1920, during my first year as editor of The Christian Index, I suggested to my pastor, Dr. F. C. McConnell, that we put the paper in the budget of our church. He gave his hearty approval to the suggestion, and asked me how I wanted to go about the job. I suggested that I bring it up at the next meeting of the board of deacons and finance committee. He approved the suggestion, paving the way for me to present the suggestion at the next meeting.

I took the roll of our church at that time, and checked the number of families receiving the paper, which amounted to twelve. I then worked out the actual cost to the church, per month, to put the paper in every resident family.

When the deacons and finance committee heard the facts in the case—how much it would cost per month to have our paper in every resident family—I then made an appeal on the basis of what it would mean to have our church life informed every week about the work of our denomination, at home and abroad. And Dr. McConnell followed my talk with an earnest request that the deacons and finance committee recommend that the church put the paper in the budget. The vote was unanimous, as was the vote of the church in conference. Instead of twelve homes receiving the paper, we then had eighty-five homes receiving the paper. We now have nine hundred homes receiving the paper, as well as all of our men in army and navy service.

Every year since 1920, the budget committee of the church has recommended that the paper remain in our church budget. The vote has been unanimous every year. Our church would no more think of taking The Christian Index out of the budget than it would the Sunday School literature or any other item of current expense.

The State Baptist paper can be put in the budget of any church in the Southern Baptist Convention if the plan is sympathetically and earnestly presented to the deacons and finance committee with the backing of the pastor. That is all it takes, but it takes all of that.

"You'll have to take it easy," advised the doctor. "This is a very serious thing. The dog that bit you has the rabies."

The patient's face turned a sickly green. After he got control of himself he said:

"Would you mind bringing me a pencil and some paper, doctor?"

"Oh, it's not that serious," said the medico, "you won't have to make out a will."

"I don't want to make out a will," snapped the patient, "I just want to make up a list of some people I'm going to bite!"

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Gen. 2:18-24

It was the plan of God that man and woman be united in holy wedlock and build the most revered place on earth, HOME.

The longer I live, and the more I visit from house to house, the more I see of the sorrows and cares, the successes and failures of this life, the more I am impressed that the home problem is the greatest problem of our civilization. The great American institutions are four: the Home, the Church, the School and the State. These are the four pillars of the Republic, and the weakening of one imperils all.

The Home comes first because it is the seed-plot and nursery of virtue. Destroy the home and you can have no Church, School, Nation. Our great nation is not so much in danger of being invaded by some foreign power as long as we have real homes. But the greatest danger we face today is the decaying and crumbling of our American Homes. We are spending millions of dollars to ward off some outside invasion, and we no doubt should do it, but we are not spending, as a nation, one dollar to keep our homes from disintegrating. It is my opinion that every mercenary institution we have will have to forget its aim in existing and marshal its forces to safeguard our homes. Regardless of what we may think, something will have to be done if our nation is to continue for a hundred years to come.

Mr. John Howard Payne, realizing what our homes should mean to all of us, wrote the following words:

Mid pleasures and palaces though
we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no
place like home;
A charm from the skies seems to
hallow us there,
Which seek thro' the world, is
ne'er met with elsewhere.

Home, home, sweet, sweet home,
Be it ever so humble, there's no
place like home.

What food is to the hungry, water is to the thirsty, what Sunday is to the days of the week, what sleep is to the tired workman, what silence is to the noisy city, that the home should be to our busy, crowded world.

There is a tendency to break down the home by under-estimating marriage. Too many people, both low and high in life, think and speak too lightly of marriage. Many times it is plucked from the pinnacle upon which God planted it and is dragged to the bottom of the ditch.

Marriage is sacred. So sacred that God would not let it be made on earth, but had it made in heaven. No true marriage is ever made on earth, it is made in heaven. Young people do not just happen to fall in love and marry, as we say today; if they do, they are not married. It is God who takes the initiative in leading one person to another, and in the end, brings them together into holy wedlock. This is the way God has for us to multiply and replenish the earth.

There is much in our modern literature that ministers to the breaking down of our ideals of marriage. It has been said that "Uncle Tom's

Cabin" freed the slaves. If that statement is true, we should not be surprised today to see so many broken homes and divorce suits in our courts. On the shelves of the libraries in our homes, in our schools and our public libraries, are books and magazines which should not be read by our people. Many of them are written by debauched minds. We are told by these demon-possessed beings, it is all right to live with one person for a while and when we find some little fault, change to some other person. Even many of our church people believe and practice the same. Far more people believe in free love, as they call it, than many of us think. They read it in books and magazines and see it acted out on the screens every day and night.

It has been said that four out of five of the moving picture reels exhibited today contain filth where indecency and unfaithfulness are portrayed, and where virtue and high ideals are made a jest. It is a fact known to well informed people, that a large number of the movie actors and actresses of today have no regard for the marriage vows. They seem to feel they are privileged to marry one person this week and quit and marry another in two or three months. The deplorable side of all this, is the fact that thousands of our people all but idolize these same actors and actresses. When I think of man, God's highest creative being, yet stoop so low as to earn his meat and bread and buy fine clothes and beautiful homes out of such traffic in children's souls, I tell you it is enough to make one's blood all but boil within. I believe in amusement, but let us have wholesome, clean amusement. Do not take advantage of helpless, innocent children.

Another danger of the modern home centers around the ignorance or the unwillingness of many young women to assume the responsibilities of home-making. The average girl knows how to dress, dance, clerk or keep books, but she cannot sweep, or sew, or dust, or cook, or order groceries, or make out a menu, or manage a servant, or rock a cradle. Born into the world to be a wife and mother, she has absolutely no training for the work of either. Her mother says she will learn when she is married. Let her have a good, easy time while she is single, it will be time enough when she gets married. If one is seeking a position as bookkeeper, is she going to wait until the position is offered her before she begins to learn how to keep books? One will not be able to teach school without some kind of preparation. Too many good lookers are poor cooks. One's husband and babies are not to be learned on.

Clubs and gambling dives are wrecking many homes in our nation. Both parents are guilty of spending much time at these places. Homes that stand are not built that way. Parents cannot leave their children to wander on the streets or with other parties, and spend much of their time in low places of the earth.

Many of our church women gather with friends and engage in a social game of cards. They go to church on Sunday, some teach in the Sunday school, others sing in the choir, while others are pious listeners out in the pews. They are brokenhearted when Billie grows up to be a gam-

bled and Mary becomes a night hawk. No, my dear readers, homes are not built that way. Christian boys and girls are not brought up in card parties.

Women who insist they must work out are hurting our homes. It is hard for me to believe that it was in the mind of God when He made woman to walk by the side of man, for her to try to take the place of man and fill positions in life men ought to fill. Some said to be homes are not homes at all. In many cases the wife leaves for work long before her husband goes to his work. The only meal many eat together is the evening meal. Most of the time they have to go out for it because the wife is too tired to prepare her husband a meal. If children come, they are left with servants to look after and mother. They do not have a home, just a roof under which the family stops sometimes.

If our married women would go back home where they belong, and leave the jobs for the men, we would have better homes, stronger children, fewer loafers and bums, and only a few if anyone at all depending on the WPA or what have you, for a living. I believe motherhood begins at home, and continues at home. Home is the best place to mother a nation. If God has not blessed your home with children, go to an orphanage and get a child and give him a real home.

Another danger point of our American homes, is strong drink. It is appalling to note the number of women and girls who smoke and drink today. I was told not long since of a mother who boasted of how much whiskey she could drink. Her children are disgusted, her neighbors raging. It is useless for me to state she and her husband are separated, the home broken.

There is no use starting a home unless it is a sober home. Too many fine women have had to spend their lives in poverty and torture due to a drinking husband. I have never understood why a strong man will becloud his mind, paralyze the muscles of his body, and render himself useless by strong drink.

—BR—

Editor: In order to make this story a success it needs a detective in it.

Author: A detective! Why?"

Editor: To find the plot."

Louisville, Ky.
7-25-41

The Baptist Record
Dr. P. I. Lipsey
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Lipsey:

The ordination council called by Clifton Baptist church met June 20 for the purpose of examining Bro. John Wade Landrum as a candidate for the full work of the gospel ministry. The council was composed of Drs. E. C. Stevens, J. W. West, and W. C. Boone; and Bros. E. C. Camble, R. C. Briggs, W. B. Thurman, S. A. Whitlow, and Frank Robbins.

Dr. Stevens was elected chairman of the council. Dr. Boone was elected to lead in the examination. Frank Robbins was elected secretary.

Dr. Boone asked for a rehearsal of the candidate's conversion and call to the ministry. Then his beliefs in the fundamental doctrines of the Baptist church were examined. All questions were answered satisfactorily to the council. The council recommended the candidate to the church for ordination to the full work of the gospel ministry.

On Sunday evening July 13 Clifton Baptist Church ordained Bro. John Wade Landrum to the full work of the gospel ministry. Dr. E. C. Stevens delivered the charge and Bro. William Drummond and Bro. Frank Robbins assisted in the service.

We send greeting to the people in Mississippi and to the Baptist Record especially. Praying for you often that God will use you for many years in the great work that you are doing for Him and for the Baptist of Mississippi.

Fraternally
FRANK ROBBINS
—BR—

PAT AND MIKE

Panting and perspiring, two Irishmen on a tandem bicycle at last got to the top of a steep hill.

"That was a stiff climb, Pat," said Mike.

"Sure and it was that," said Pat. "If I hadn't kept the brakes on, we would have gone backward."

—BR—

POOR DAD

"That wasn't a very big account of your daughter's wedding in the paper."

"No; the big account was sent to me."

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THE PREACHER AND HIS VOICE

By R. Clyde Yarbrough
In Watchman-Examiner

In the February 13 issue of The Watchman-Examiner, Dr. C. B. Jackson, of Greenville, Texas, made a splendid and cogent statement of the crying need for greater emphasis in our seminaries on the correct training of the speaking voice of candidates for the ministry.

One of the most urgent needs in current theological training is precisely at this point. It is not at all an uncommon thing for candidates for churches to be turned down, not because of their lack of knowledge, but because of the lack of speech skills with which to transmit that knowledge effectively to others. The letter which I saw recently from a church committee to a seminary official concerning a minister who had candidated in the church can be duplicated, unfortunately, in every state in the Union. One of the sentences was as decisive and it was final. It read: "Mr. _____ will not do. We could not hear what he said."

In the final analysis, the value of the theological course of training is predicted upon the minister's speaking ability. The ultimate value to the kingdom of God of his theological preparation hinges on his ability to transmit vocally the fruits of that preparation. "Of what good is an idea without a voice?" It is like having a hundred watt lamp in a dark room, but no outlet in which to plug it. Of what value is a thorough knowledge of Old Testament and church history, of theology and social ethics, of New Testament and missions, or of any of the other important and necessary intellectual disciplines of a theological course if one does not have an adequately trained speech mechanism with which to communicate such knowledge?

A Deplorable Weakness

One of the weaknesses of ministerial training in the past has been precisely at this point. We have gone on the theory that if we could pour enough factual information, most of it undigested, into the candidates for the ministry, we could produce great preachers. Now we are being forced to the conviction, however, that if we are to produce really great preachers they must have something more than an exposure to the so-called content courses; in addition they must be trained in an adequate means of oral expression through which the knowledge gained can be transmitted into social usefulness.

In a society such as ours, where ninety-five per cent of all communication is by means of the spoken word, there is significant educational implications in Lord Salisbury's statement that "whether we like it or not, power is with the tongue; power is with the man who can speak." The minister may have such exegetical powers as to confound the masses; he may possess such homiletical wizardry as to astonish the very elect, but without effective speech it profiteth him nothing. He may have all knowledge, and understand all Greek and Hebrew and Sanskrit; he may possess such an accumulation of factual information as to remove all mountains of ignorance, but without an adequately trained vocal mechanism with which to transmit such knowledge to others, he becomes sounding brass or clanging cymbal. A nail is a very important thing in building a house only if you have a hammer with which to drive it.

Trends Toward Improvement

So far as the writer has been able to ascertain, there are only three seminaries in America that have professors devoting full time to this important work of training ministers to use their voices correctly. In many of our seminaries the work is carried on by part-time teachers or lecturers who, as Dr. Jackson intimated. Some of them are ministers, active or retired, who are or have been successful speakers but who do not understand the techniques of teaching others to speak correctly. Others are lawyers who perhaps have ability in forensic speech but who are lacking in an adequate grasp of pulpit speech and in the proper training for its teaching. And still others are lecturers who give their major times to drama schools or to some brand of branch of the elocutionary field of speech and who, consequently, have no conception of the needs of and the approach to the kind of speech demanded of minis-

Dr. Harry C. Atkinson succeeds Dr. C. M. Dinsmore as Secretary of the Department of Edifice Funds and Building Council of the Northern Baptist Home Mission Society.

At Denver, Colorado, August 11-23 there were 33 registered students at the Intermountain Baptist Summer Seminary. Dr. H. E. Dana of the Central Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, was one of the instructors.

The Sunday School Board has just brought out a life of Landrum Pinson Leavell, written by his brother, Dr. R. Q. Leavell. Both of these are well known and highly esteemed in Mississippi. They were born and reared in Oxford. The life of Landrum Leavell should be a great inspiration to our young people, to whom he devoted his life. His history is one of joyous triumph. He had a radiant personality. His spirit of determination and optimism was contagious. He had more to do with the Baptist Young People's Union in its formative years than any other among us. The story is one worthy of record and perpetual remembrance. No one is better fitted to give it to us and preserve it for us and for the coming generations than Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, the present superintendent of Evangelism among Southern Baptists. The price of the book is \$1.00 from the Baptist Book Store.

A Baptist church for the deaf was organized at Fort Worth, Texas, July 27 as a result of the work of missionaries of the Home Board. It is said to be the only one of its kind in the world. There are 22 charter members. J. W. Gardner preached the sermon from the text, "On This Rock," etc.

Central Baptist Theological Seminary opened the new session in Kansas City, Kan., Sept. 2.

As most of our readers know, the women of our Southern W. M. U. observe every year a week of prayer for Home Missions, one for Foreign Missions and one for State Missions. These have been of great help in drawing our women together in prayer. The results are seen not only in larger collections, but in personal interest and in the ingathering of the women than it is of the rest of us. It is for all of us to share. Let's join them in daily prayer for State Missions September 15-18. Why not have a special sermon on Sunday the 14th and make the mid-week prayer meeting a part of the program, and don't leave it all for the women.

The new building of the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville is ready for occupancy. The Alumnae Home-Coming will be September 9-12. The regular fall session opens September 15. The building will be dedicated October 2.

There were several additions to the church at Lexington both by letter and baptism in a meeting in which Pastor F. J. Chastain was assisted by Prof. Chester Swor of Mississippi College. The report says, "Truly Brother Swor is a good man and a great Christian leader." He told of the fruits of the Christian life in great power and simplicity. The services were largely attended, many coming from other churches.

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Dr. Jackson is one of an increasing number of people among both laymen and ministers who are sensing the dire need for more through training and more adequate leadership in this indispensable area of theological preparation. It is a problem which our seminaries no longer can ignore with impunity. There is hope, however. Steps have already been taken, at least in one of our seminaries, to correct the condition. It gives the writer genuine satisfaction to be able to report that the seminary with which he is privileged to work has recognized this need in ministerial training and has done something about it. Last year, Andover Newton Theological School reorganized its curriculum to require three years of training in speech for all candidates for the B. D. degree, installed the latest recording equipment in a modern voice laboratory, and employed a man who holds degrees in both theology and speech education to teach the work full time. Dr. Jackson's hope "that the time is not very far off when our seminaries will have one or more full-time professors for this important work of training ministers to use their voices correctly" is at least one step nearer fulfillment. May it be fully realized speedily.

Newton Center, Massachusetts.

Rev. S. L. Morgan has started something by his articles in The Biblical Recorder on Baptists and Democracy. He says replies to his articles have "pointed out a manifest drift away from Baptist democracy in recent years." We quote further: "One reason given for the drift is the unwillingness of the rank and file of our members to submit themselves to the democratic process. Democracy in our churches requires attendance on the church business conference and general discussion of the church business. And only a few members will go and even listen, much less take part. It is irksome: minutes and motions, routine and—too often wrangling. And so the average church decides to leave it to the pastor and deacons to whip all matters into shape and bring recommendations. Then a motion to adopt, and the recommendation is O.K'd—by the handful present. That is usual today in the average church. And it is not democracy. But the people in general prefer it to the slow, tedious democratic process. If they are honest, they should blame themselves more than the pastor and deacons. Often they are not honest, and kick the pastor and deacons, when they should kick themselves."

The annual meeting of the Enterprise Baptist Church, Enterprise, Mississippi, will begin Sunday, September 7th. Rev. L. W. Ferrell of the Griffith Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, will do the preaching. Prayer meetings are being held this week in preparation for the meeting. We trust we will have a great meeting.—Sollie I. Smith, Pastor.

Dr. D. M. Nelson, Jr., preached for the Hazlehurst church Sunday morning and evening. He has been called to the Vinton Church, Roanoke, Va., an industrial center and a place of great opportunity.

The public opening exercises of Mississippi and Hillman Colleges were held jointly Monday evening in Mississippi College Chapel, President D. M. Nelson presiding. The devotional service was led by the new pastor, J. L. Sullivan. The music was in charge of Mr. W. L. Ball and Miss Opal Crone, who is now dean of women at Hillman College, and continues to be head of the Music Department. Miss Eleanor Crone has been added to the music faculty of Hillman. She gave two violin solos. Dr. Nelson in his introduction spoke of the unsettled world conditions and the need of being securely anchored. Dr. Howard E. Spell, new head of the Bible Department was introduced. The feature address of the evening was by Prof. Chester Swor, who spoke in memory of Dr. M. O. Patterson, who passed away in the summer. A beautiful vase of flowers in honor of Dr. Patterson was placed on the rostrum by Prof. and Mrs. M. Latimer. We hear that both colleges began with a satisfactory enrollment as to number and quality of students.

Dr. Simmons of Mississippi College becomes Sunday School Superintendent at Clinton, succeeding Prof. J. M. Lassiter who has rendered great service in this office for several years.

When we hear so much discussion among the advocates of church union and see how difficult for them to agree on anything, we are reminded of the man who was put on a stand to shoot a deer if he came by. The deer passed and he didn't shoot. When asked why he did not, he said, "No use; the way he was going he will soon kill himself."

In an association last week Rex. N. S. Jackson, Superintendent of the Mississippi Anti-Saloon League, read a list of people in the county who hold federal license to sell liquor, and one of the names was that of a son of the sheriff.

Not long since Congressman Louis Ludlow of Indiana stood on the floor of the House and said: "Mr. Speaker, my purpose in rising today is to make the direct and sincere request of the Secretary of the Interior that he take the United States out of the rum business. I am sure that I reflect the overwhelming sentiment of the American people when I proffer this request to the Secretary of the Interior. I am sure that the American people do not want their government to be engaged in the rum business. I am sure that if the American people could have their way they would divorce their government immediately from an activity that breeds drunkenness, poverty, crime and broken hearts."—Baptist and Reflector.